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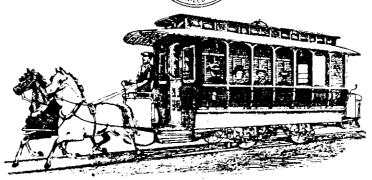


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Our 307th Issue

We are including a dues envelope with this issue, for your convenience in paying your 1973 A.V.A. dues of \$5.00. We are late with these this year. Please put your \$5 in this envelope, put a stamp on it, and mail it to our treasurer, R.K. Frisbee - 211 King Street - Denver, CO 80219. Unlike some other organizations, the A.V.A. has to pay as it goes. It needs your dues money to publish The Fare Box, which is the chief expense of our organization. So please help by sending in your dues as soon as possible.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the American Vecturist Association. Our president, Bob Ritterband, has arranged for the striking of large solid pure silver commemorative medals to mark the anniversary. Only enough of these will be struck to fill actual orders. See inside for further information. Incidentally, this silver anniversary year of the AVA would be an appropriate occasion for members to mark with their own personal token issues. A die of the A.V.A. official seal is available for use on metal personal tokens, which are surprisingly inexpensive, and which may be ordered thru past president Duane Feisel.

We are also including the Index to Volume 26 of THE FARE BOX with this issue. This index should be kept with your 1972 issues, at the end of the December issue.

We still have a couple dozen copies of the 1963 Second Edition of Atwood's Catalogue on hand. These are taking up a lot of room and we'd like to let members have them at cost. The 1963 edition is actually quite an important book to have if you have back issues of THE FARE BOX, because catalogue numbers used in the ads and Prices Realized in all issues between 1963 and 1970 used the numbers in that 1963 catalogue, which are different from the numbers in the 1970 edition. So, anyway, any member who wants a crisp new library copy of the 1963 Atwood may have one for \$2.00 plus 25¢ toward postage. Send your order to our secretary, Don Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, CT 06413. He has the books there. Offer lasts only as long as Don's cache of Atwoods lasts.

This issue goes to press at 6:30 pm, Thursday, February 15.













Because the A.V.A. was organized during 1948, we are now in our Silver Anniversary year. The annual convention at Denver just six months hence will put special emphasis on this 25th milestone, as will other plans now under consideration by your Executive Board.

One project to be launched immediately will be the issuance of a large Silver Anniversary Medal, to be struck in pure silver. Many vecturists collect medals in addition to tokens, and even non-members will find this new piece appealing. There will only be a limited number of medals struck, at the most reasonable (non-profit) price possible. We aim towards a heritage souvenir which will be exclusive, handsome, and modest in cost, all at the same time. It will certainly not be "just another trinket"!

It this kind of collectable appeals to you, read the complete details below. Then act promptly to share in the pleasure of owning one of these fine souvenirs of our progress.

- Robert M. Ritterband

= SILVER ANNIVERSARY MEDALS - IN PURE SILVER =

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of A.V.A. this year, the Executive Board has ordered the issuance of a souvenir medal, which is sure to appeal to many collectors. To be struck in purest .999 silver, the piece will be 39mm in diameter, slightly larger than a silver dollar, with a 12-gauge thickness of nearly 3mm.

On the face will be our Association emblem, in good relief, while the reverse will have an attractive "25th" against a shield background, plus the beginning and current years. Around the upper curve will be: "Collectors of Transportation Tokens." An important feature of this minting will be the serial numbering of every piece on the rim, with the original owner's name to be registered in our archives. Serial numbers will be assigned in strict sequence to the receipt of each order.

A minimum of 100 pieces are to be struck, with the maximum to be determined by the exact number ordered by collectors before the deadline. No extras will be made for future stock, and no editions are planned in any other kind of metal. The dies will not be available for any later restrikings.

By virtue of good mint connections, we are able to offer these exceptional keep-sakes for a price not to exceed \$6.95, including insured delivery to your address. That is, if no more than 100 are sold, the price will be as shown. However if the ordering appreciably exceeds that minimum, our cost per piece will be less. Since this is a non-profit deal, such savings will be refunded promptly in cash to each buyer. (For instance: if a total of 200 are sold, we have good possibility of about a dollar refund to every customer, etc.)

Distribution of the Anniversary Medals will begin at Denver in August. To have all of them ready, an absolute deadline for ordering must be set for May 10. Any orders postmarked after that date will be returned with our regrets. There will be a limitation of five pieces to any one buyer, and full payment must accompany each order.

If all of this sounds as good to you as it does to our officers, order your keepsake medal promptly, and receive the lowest possible serial number. Sent your request and check direct to our president, Robert M. Ritterband - 6576 Colgate Ave. - Los Angeles, CA 90048. Make check payable to ARMOR MEDALLIONS, and include 35¢ sales tax if you are a California resident. Don't forget that deadline!

Port Authority Transit of Pittsburgh will stop redeeming Pittsburgh fare tokens on February 28. At present they have over 3 million tokens in 256 bags weighing 75 lbs. each. After February 28 all these tokens—they say—will be melted down for bullion. Those bags contain tokens of at least 12 different firms taken over by PAT, probably including some scarce items.

One of our members recently had the opportunity to audit the transportation token inventory of a medium-sized city bus company. The company had discontinued the general use of tokens some years ago, but had recently made the tokens available on a limited basis for special uses and merchant promotions. They had never utilized the services of a token clearing house, so their inventory would constitute a good statistical sample to measure the extent of intrusion of out-of-city tokens into the fare boxes of a city transportation system.

Over the years their counting machines had rejected 72 of the extra-thick San Francisco tokens (Cal 760 D E F), and these had been held out of the regular inventory

in order to prevent their recirculation.

A total of 68,000 tokens in 17 bags of 4,000 each were searched. Individual bags contained from 254 "foreign" pieces (6.4%) to 90 pieces (2.3%). Overall, 4.2% of the tokens were from outside the system. This increased to 4.3% with the inclusion of the San Francisco tokens.

At first glance this might seem to indicate that over 4% of their fares had not been paid for. In reality, these tokens represented an unpaid fare only the first time they went into the fare box. They were subsequently resold and reused an indeterminate number of times. In addition, in excess of 50,000 tokens issued by this company have disappeared from general circulation, and represent a net gain of unredeemed "fares payable" which they may well never be called upon to honor.

The member had been collecting transportation tokens for only a relatively short time, and had 600 in his collection at the beginning of the audit. He was permitted to purchase those tokens which fit into his collection. The first bag yielded 45 pieces, the second 22, and the third 17. Understandably, it was a case of diminishing returns, as more common tokens were picked up in early bags and unwanted when found in subsequent bags. All in all, however, the bags yielded an average of 15 tokens each for his collection, boosting his collection to 850 pieces. No rare or choice tokens were found among the nearly 3,000 out-of-city tokens. This was due in part to the fact that only 16mm tokens were included in the inventory.

Incidentally, the inventory of 68,000 tokens was short only 36 pieces, demonstrating an inaccuracy of the counting machines of about one-twentieth of one percent.

= JANUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

Last month I said that we had a few tokens pending for January. Well, I am sorry to report that they are still pending. I just can't seem to get them yet.

We do have one: Ill 135 I. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Ernie Mehnert for his time and trouble in obtaining a supply of this difficult token for us. It was not available to the general public. This one will be sent to all NIS members, both regular & associate.

Also this month you will receive the November and December foreign tokens, if I receive them in time. We didn't get enough of the England 520 AC AD to go around, so you will receive only one of the two listed. There will thus be a total of 7 foreign tokens. As usual many thanks to Ken Smith for making these available to us. He says there will be more next month, from Denmark.

Many thanks for all those delightful Christmas cards you people sent me!

E.L. Tomberlin, AVA #1076, says I listed his 5 new personal tokens in the wrong order in last month's supplement. He says the correct order should be: 1076 B-blue; C-black; D-green; E-red; F-white. I've generally been following the same color pattern in those sets of 5 colors of plastic tokens, but if the issuing collector prefers a different order, that's OK by me.

So please use Mr. Tomberlin's arrangement, rather than that printed last month.

The Denver Convention is scheduled for August 10-12, 1973. We shall convene at the newest Holiday Inn, right in the center of Denver, within walking distance of the Denver Mint. For those that come in early, we'll arrange a sneak-preview. It goes something like this: many members that attended conventions in the past have some real great slides and photos. Either Charley Max or I will be at the motel (with our assortment) to show those interested in seeing faces that can be connected to a name. This can also be a good trading session. The early bird catches the worm!

Of course, every year the convention committee say that "their" convention will be the greatest one in history. We won't say this. But we do guarantee that every member who comes to Denver for this convention will be glad that he came. Previous conventions in Denver are our best advertisement. If you are in doubt, ask any member who came to an earlier convention here.

At every convention, there are always the "regulars," who come to nearly all of them. We hope this year to entice a few of the rest of you members. Denver is worth a visit just as a fabulous city. It's a nice place to visit in August.

We also plan to have the most outstanding exhibits ever. But the convention committee need your help in this: every member planning to attend is urged to bring along interesting tokens for exhibit. If you're worried that someone will swipe them, forget it. There will always be someone from the Committee on guard in the Exhibit Room. Furthermore, while rare tokens always make good exhibits, the more common tokens can also make good exhibits, when arranged with pictures of the vehicles that used them, and stories behind them. So even if you don't own a single census token, you can still work up an excellent exhibit with a little imagination. All exhibits, by the way, will be non-competitive.

Because we don't know what the tour token will cost us, we still have no advance registration price to announce. But this will be announced at the first opportunity. But whatever it will be, it will be well worth the price!

- Syd Joseph

= BATS MEETINGS =

The January meeting of the (San Francisco) Bay Area Token Society was held on Sunday, January 21, at the home of Hal and Louise Ford in Oakland. Present were token collectors Clyde F. Spofford, Robert L. Sutton, Jerry Schimmel, Jim Wilcox, Duane Feisel, and of course, Hal Ford. Unexpected developments kept several of the regulars from attending this meeting.

In March a meeting will be held from 12 noon to 2 pm on Sunday, March 18, during the National Token, Medal and Exonumia Collectors Jamboree being held at the San Jose Hyatt House, San Jose, California. Any and all token collectors are invited to attend the informal meeting.

Looking ahead, the May meeting will be held in San Francisco at the home of Jerry and Nancy Schimmel. The Schimmels live on a hilltop site with a great view of part of the city and San Francisco Bay. The address is 40 Prentiss Street in the Bernal Heights area. Since the location provides some challenges when you try to get there, a telephone number is handy to have: MI 8-8634. As usual, refreshments will be served, informality and socialability will be the keynote, and any and all token collectors are invited.

Getting into the summer months, the "traditional" July picnic meeting will be held at the home of Duane and Shannon Feisel in Los Altos. Since the specific date will depend on the travel plans of Editor John Coffee who makes an annual visit to the Bay Area, it will have to wait to a later time as John's plans become more definite.

= JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

IDAHO

St. Anthony 740 (Reported as to information by Harold Ford)
YAGER'S LIVERY PHONE 15 FOR BEST RESULTS

B o A 38 Sd Good For Return Trip to Depot Yager's Livery

\$7.50

ILLINOIS

Champaign 135 (Reported by Ernest Mehnert)

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA MASS TRANSIT DIST.

★ I Bz 23 S Special Ride Good For One Fare (* 12/8/71)

.30

TEXAS

San Antonio 810 (Reported by Louis Crawford)

KELLY A.F.B. BUS 8

______J o Pr 31 Sd (same as obverse)

2.00

CANADA - MANITOBA

Winnipeg 900 (Reported by Jim Astwood to Don Stewart)

SARGENT AVE. JITNEY ASSOCIATION

G o A Oc Sd Good For / 1 / Fare (26mm)

5.00

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

After the listing of the depotel token from St. Anthony in the November Fare Box, Harold Ford again wrote to the owner of the other token mentioned, and was informed that it was aluminum and 38mm. The information given in the November Fare Box about this firm was also given by the same party, but we held up the listing of this token because we were unsure of the metal. We didn't want to make a guess.

We have been kicking around the Champaign token for about a year. These tokens are sold to various stores which give them out when someone makes a purchase of \$3 or more. The fare in Champaign is 30¢ cash or a token. These are not just ordinary tokens that can be purchased by the public, so it took a while for Mr. Mehnert to be able to obtain a supply of these tokens. We held up the listing until he had succeeded. When public authorities take over transit companies, they often try various schemes to encourage patronage of the service, and this thing in Champaign is one of them. It may be another year before it is known if it is successful or not.

We also have another of those Kelly Air Field Bus tokens to list. These are very rare tokens, but we still hesitate to apply a higher price because of their comparative recent use. We believe there may be a hoard of them around somewhere.

We understand the Winnipeg token was probably used between 1925 and 1933.

I have a letter from Al Zaika in regard to the Benton Transfer Company, mentioned in the October Fare Box. He found this company listed in the 1921 edition of The Mercantile Reference Book, and it was located in Benton, Arkansas. So unless someone has a good reason for a different city, we shall list this token from Benton, Ark., in a month or so.

I've also received a newspaper clipping from Evelyn Jackson saying that the Green Line of Covington, Ky., went out of business as of late Saturday or early Sunday morning. Then there was no service for four days, and the voters passed on a plan to take over the system on Tuesday the 6th, and service was resumed on Thursday the 8th [of which month?] There was no mention of the fares charged, and if all of the old Green Line tokens will be obsolete now, I don't know. Sometimes they use the tokens of former companies, and sometimes these tokens become obsolete.

Donald Punshon reports that the SKY RIDE token described on page 158 of the December Fare Box is a bar token used at the Sky Ride Bar, which opened in 1933 and was named after the Sky Ride at the Chicago World's Fair of 1933. The bar is in Chicago.

	by Reineon H. Diaton	
DENMARK Aalborg 5 (Re	eported by John Nicolosi) AALBORG. OMNIBUS. SELSKAB (ARMS)	
T B 19 Sd	(double-headed arrow thru a circle)	\$0.25
Haderslev 320 A B 19 Sd (The above available purchased.	HADERSLEV BYBUSSER (ARMS) (church) two tokens will be distributed along with the previously un- Viborg 860 A, but only 50 each of 320 A and 860 A could be	.25
	(Reported by F.J. Bingen) VILLE DU HAVRE . TRAINAYS. (CITY ARMS) Ville du Havre. Tramways. Familles Nombreuses (24mm)	1.00
GERMANY (all Berlin 100	reported by Bingen)	
F o Z 22 Sd	BERLINER DAMPFSCHIFF-VEREIN W & K (steamboat)(WM-coated)	2.50
G o B 27 Sd	BERLINER PFERDE-EISENBAHN GESELLSCHAFT E. BESCKOW (blank)	3.50
Spandau 840		
B o B 22 Sd	SPANDAUER STRASSENBAHN (STREETCAR) Schüler Marke an Sonn-& Festtagen & Während der Ferien Ungiltig	1.00
C o Z Oc Sd	SPANDAUER STRASSENBAHN BEAMTEN MARKE (same as obverse)(WM-plated)(20mm)	1.00
D o Z Ob Sd	SPANDAUER FEUERWEHR (streetcar with "50")(WM-plated)(21x18mm) r" = fire brigade)	
Weimar 877	WEIMARISCHE OMNIBUS GESELLSCHAFT	
A o B 21 Sd	10	1.00
Zittau 890	STÄDTISCHE STRASSENBAHN ZITTAU (STREETCAR)	
A o B 23 Ch	Zahl-Marke S.S.Z.	1.00
The following a	re amusement park ride tokens:	
Mannheim 525 WAo P 38 Sd	WEISSER BLITZ OTTO KÖHLER MANNHEIM Fahrchip Gültig für 1 Fahrt 1 person nicht	•25
Worms 880 WAo C 37 Sd	ANNO DAZUMAL (OLD AUTOMOBILE) H. SCHÄFER WORMS/RH. Fahrchip Gültig für 1 Fahrt 1 Person nicht zurückzahlbar (lilac with gold lettering)	. 25

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please continue to send listings to me.

= FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO FORD'S CATALOGUE OF CAR WASH TOKENS =
By Harold V. Ford

ARIZONA: Tucson 840 (Fuld)

MOBILE JET CAR WASH 3450 EAST SPEEDWAY

A o A 32 Sd 25c on Min. 10 Gal. Gas Purchase

CALIFORNIA: Fremont 395 (Album)

GOOD FOR ONE FREE WASH AUTOCLEAN CAR WASH 37063 FREMONT BLVD.

FREMONT, CALIF. 797-2332

B Wb 39 Sd Wooden Nickel (Indian head)

FLORIDA: Bradenton 090 (Clark)

GOOD FOR -5- MINUTES AT MANATEE SOFSPRA W. MANATEE AVE.

BRADENTON, FLA.

A o WM 27 Sd (Sofspra) (Vars.)

a. on obverse "Sofspra" is 15mm

b. " " 16ma

SPEEDIE GENIE CAR WASH CORTEZ RD (INCUSE) TOP INSERT (ARROW)

Al (1 slot)

B o Z 29 Sd B5 C6 (2 slots)

New Port Richey 600 (Clark & Trembley)

SOFSPRA ON U.S. #19 NEXT TO WGUL RADIO NEW PORT RICHEY

A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)

Palmetto 680 (Flark & Trembley)

PALMETTO SOFSPRA 508 8th AVE. PALMETTO

A WM 27 Sd (Soffspra)

GOOD FOR-5 MINUTES AT BENET'S SOF SPRA 508 8th AVE. PALMETTO-FLA.

B WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)

IDAHO: Boise 100 (Ballard)

PANTHER GAS CAR WASH 6300 FAIRVIEW BOISE, IDAHO

A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)

INDIANA: Hammond 390 (G. Johnson)

GOOD FOR -5- MINUTES AT HESSVILLE SOFSPRA 6125 KENNEDY

HAMMOND, INDIANA

A WM 27 SJ (Sofspra)

IOWA: Des Moines 300 (Vickers)

INGERSOLL CAR WASH DES MOINES, IA. 50¢

A B 23 Sd Worth 50¢ Car Wash Mon-Thurs

MARYLAND: Baltimore 60 (Super)

GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT MERRITT SOFSPRA MERRITT BLVD. AT

WESTFIELD RD. BALTIMORE SELF SERVICE-THE BEST SERVICE

I WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)

MICHIGAN: Howell 475 (Hartley)

GOOD ONLY AT SOFSPRA HOWELL, MICHIGAN

A o WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)

Port Huron 775 (McKelvey)

COLONIAL SHOPPING CENTER SOFSPRA CAR WASH

A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)

MINNESOTA: Wabasha 910 (Clapper)

RIVERSIDE OIL CO. WABASHA MINN.

A o B 23 Sd Good For One Five Minute Wash

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PENNSYLVANIA: Ringtown 812 (Super)

LYNN'S CAR WASH

A Pg 23 Sd Good For 25¢ on Car Wash (white incuse lettering on both sides)

WASHINGTON: Sequim 795 (Super)

GOOD FOR 5 MINUTES AT SEQUIM SOFSPRA CAR WASH WASH-WAS SEQUIM, WASHINGTON

A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)

WISCONSIN: Chippewa Falls 110 (G. Johnson)

STEVE'S SOFSPRA CHIPPEWA FALLS

A WM 27 Sd (Sofspra)

Ellsworth 200 (Clapper)

NORTH STAR COIN CAR CLEAN ELLSWORTH WISCONSIN (INCUSE)

A o B Sq Sd (blank) [24mm]

CANADA, BRITISH COLUMBIA: Dawson Creek 325 (Stewart & Hill)

BIG EAGLE CAR WASH DAWSON CREEK, B.C. (EAGLE)

A Pw 38 Sd For One Automatic Car Wash Pacific 66 (inside red logo)

(incuse blue lettering obverse & reverse)

BIG EAGLE (INCUSE)

B A 24 Sd (blank)

North Vancouver 625 (Hill)

HOME CAR WASH

A o B 23 Sd (blank)

ONTARIO: Chatham 180 (McKelvey)

PARK AVENUE CAR WASH (INCUSE)

A B 24 2-pc (bear's face on both sides) [shaped as a bear's head]

SASKATCHEWAN: Saskatoon 900 (Stewart)

MARKET MALL CAR WASH SASKATOON, SASK.

D B 23 Sd Good For One Five Minute Wash

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS: Delete Unidentified 16,5,6,7,8, and relist as Ill 151 (Chicago and suburbs) A,B,C,D,E, in that order. Delete Unidentified 38 and relist as Mass 305 (Greenfield) A.

The Fremont, Des Moines, Dawson Creek, Chatham, and Greenfield, listings can be had by writing. The Greenfield cost \$1 and the address is Rice il Co., 34 Montague City Rd. The other listings not marked obsolete have not been checked as to availability.

Car Wash Tokens are alive and well. I realize that room is infrequently available in THE FARE BOX for publication of supplements. I am sure that our Editor is doing the best possible for us. We hope that we shall soon publish another complete catalogue of car wash tokens.

I have about 30 more listings on file, which will be reported in future supplements as room is available in THE FARE BOX.

Please report new discoveries and issues of car wash tokens, and unidentified car wash tokens, directly to me.

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While contributions to the Address Plate Fund--when you send in a change of address--are not required, they are very much appreciated. It costs us 26¢ to have a new plate made for your new address. The usual contribution is 25¢, though many send more.

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE MARCH 10 =

= CARTER LEADS CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS =

At its regular meeting Sunday, January 21, members of the California Association of Token Collectors named Robert B. Carter as club president for 1973. He succeeds Robert Ritterband, who had served six times over the past ten years. Carter, well known in the region forhis many award-winning token displays, has been a member also of A.V.A. since early in 1963.

Gathering once more at the hospitable home of Elaine Willahan in Los Angeles, this session drew another of those large turnouts for which this club is noted. Members on hand were: Alpert (Steve & Jeff), Atwood, Barnes, Carter, Crusen, Gallagher, Kubach, Manning, Miller, Ritterband, Roselinsky, Sherman, Claire & Gordon Smith, Kirk & Ken Smith, Thompson, Ticknor, Weamer, Willahan, plus 6 family guests for a total of 27. With so many batches of duplicate tokens represented, the swapping went on for hours!

The next CATC meeting will be Sunday, March 25, again at Elaine's. This date is a one-week postponement from the usual schedule, to allow interested members a chance to attend the big Token Jamboree at San Jose, Calif., on the weekend of March 16-18.

- 1365 GEORGE VAN TRUMP, JR. BOX 656 EDGEMONT BR. GOLDEN, COLORADO 80401 Age 35; Computer Scientist. Collects U.S. (Mazeau)
- 1366 RONALD W. JOHNSON 35474 FARNHAM DRIVE NEWARK, CALIFORNIA 94560
 Age 30; Transit Supervisor. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking. (Coffee)
- 1367 GARY F. NELSON 17911 DOTY AVENUE TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA 90504
 Age 29; Railway Clerk. Collects U.S., Canada. (Coffee)
- 1368 LANCE THOMPSON 1342 ALEXANDER CIRCLE PUEBLO, COLORADO 81001 Age 35; Antique Dealer. Collects U.S., Canada. (Coffee)
- 1369 ROBERT E. REEL 25 OXFORD STREET MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03102
 Age 37; Soldier. Collects U.S. (Rider)
- 1370 JEFFREY ALAN ALPERT 1106 NATIONAL BLVD., APT. 1 LOS ANGELES, CA 90064 Age 21; Student. Collects U.S. (Nitterband)
- 1371 DAVID HOLDER 5212 WEST WILKINS LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68524
 Age 27: University Instructor. Collects U.S. (Bolz)
- 1372 HOWARD KNICKERBOCKER 71 FORBES STREET EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06108
 Age 31; Electronic Technician. Collects U.S. (Coffee)

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= RITTERBAND VIEWS THE FUTURE =

Recently Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine requested that Bob Ritterband, A.V.A. president, join with other leading numismatists to give his prognosis for 1973 in the hobby. They printed his reply nearly verbatim, and here is what he wrote for them:

"Numismatic expectations are a subject I know very little about. Yes, there are such things as 'trends' as well as fond hopes, to which the coin collectors wisely pay close attention. Maybe one reason that many of us have chosen to be vecturists instead of numismatics is simply to avoid having to think of such subjects.

The only expectation we can have is the finding of new issues or previously unknown issues. Here is something I can safely predict: there will be a good number of each this year, but never enough to suit us!

Prices are something else. The Atwood's Catalogue is published once every five years, principally to list the intervening additions. The prices themselves seldom change, and when they do it is apt to be downward. In coin collecting, some issue of under a million pieces would indicate a rarity or certainly a 'key' item. With our folks we start getting excited if the known pieces fall under a couple of dozen or so. No, most of our price changes (except for an occasional upward revaluing of everything) happen when a presumed rare item suddenly begins to be offered by scattered dealers all at the same time. The trend is then only downward!"

If anyone knows the whereabouts of member Edwin R. Ringer, formerly of 341 Nevada Dr. . Erie, PA 16505 - please inform the Editor. His Fare Box was returned.

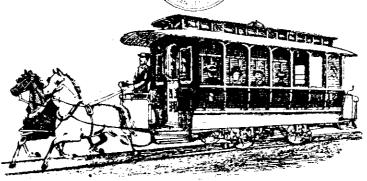
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March 17, at 9:15 p.m. This will be the last issue you receive if you have not paid your 1973 A.V.A. annual dues. It's only \$5.00. Send it to the Treasurer, R.K. Frisbee - 211 King Street - Denver, CO 80219.

It's a tricky business, getting articles that seem just right for THE FARE BOX. I do have a file of miscellaneous articles about trolley lines, and some about transit badges and tickets, etc. But we are not primarily a trolley fan publication, and our interest is not primarily tickets or badges. What I would like are good stories about tokens and the firms that actually used tokens... and these seem to be the hardest to come by. Seeing the shortage, I wrote an article myself on the general subject of bridge toll tokens, laced with lots of personal reminiscence. I wish some of the other oldtimers in the hobby would also share some of their experiences with us.

Token books are in the works. Duane Feisel's revised edition of his Parking Token Catalogue will shortly be in the hands of the printer. This long-awaited reference promises to inject new blood into the parking token branch of our hobby, and we know that it will represent the high quality that Duane's work always has. Your Editor has just sent to the printer the manuscript for a little (64-page) catalogue of real estate tokens. I had been working on this book for a long time, and finally forced myself to get it finished. It will be available to AVA members for a nominal price when ready, and will be the only published list of these interesting tokens. Just preparing this small book reminded me of the great amount of work required to produce token catalogues: the photographs, the prescreens, the typing, the pasting in place of pictures, the endless instructions and negotiations with the printer. When I think of the 731-page 1970 Atwood Catalogue, my chief emotion is one of exhaustion, and gratitude that it is over. A book supplement to the Atwood will be coming out presently.

The last ad in this issue is an auction offering the collection of late AVA member Michael Rosenthal. Mrs. Rosenthal wants to dispose of the collection, and of course we all are cooperating with her in this venture. The pages of THE FARE BOX are always available to assist the widows (or widowers) of AVA members in such situations.













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Our "New Finds" department has fallen on barren times. It would appear that rare tokens are not being unearthed as frequently as in previous years—either this or the lucky collectors who find them are keeping secrets. But one does have the impression that activity in rare tokens is slowing down a bit. Perhaps most of them have finally been unearthed. I also have noticed a softening of prices of the rarities. Not so many collectors are rushing in with \$75 to \$100 to pay for some depotel any longer, although we still see an occasional high auction price for some unusual rarity. For instance, at the recent Dorge Approvals (operated by AVA member George Fuld) mail auction, Ohio 745 A brought \$84 (for the second one known). But prices like this are becoming the exception, and are usually the result of keen competition between just two or three collectors. But the real action, and enjoyment, of this hobby is not in the census tokens. It's in the ordinary bus and streetcar tokens—the thousands of varieties of tokens that anyone can get for 15¢ to \$2 each at most. Of course there's no thrill like that of finding a rare census token. But the hobby can't be made up entirely of thrills. There's also the satisfaction of accumulating a broad showing of several hundred, or even thousands, of bus and streetcar tokens from all over the country, or the world.

In meditating on subjects for future articles in THE FARE BOX, several ideas passed my mind. There are, for instance, a number of what I would call "mystery tokens" listed in our catalogue. Tokens such as Fla 230 A B, the Rainbow Springs tokens. No one has ever explained what these were used on, or how, or when they were used. There's a story there, and I wish someone would explore it. Then there are IL 435 A B, the Medinah Coach tokens. The Medinah Country Club, operated by the Shriners, is situated there, and presumably the tokens were used on a bus to this country club. But there's no record of such a bus line. It is quite possible these were used at some facility of the country club, such as a restaurant or as gaming tokens. There is another mystery waiting to be solved. And all those tokens we have listed with the notation that there is really no justification for the listing in this city. Where, for instance, are NJ 730 A B really from? Probably somewhere out west. And what about Pa 750 A B C? Is there a Reed Street in Philadelphia? And what do the initials JJ B stand for on 750 C? And the initials on the reverses of Pa 745 D and E? Wash 780 A is a big mystery. Listing it from Seattle is only a guess. What does A.D.U. stand for?

There are also some mysteries with respect to whether certain tokens even exist. There are some tokens listed which, as far as we know, nobody owns. Back in the 1930's, Roland C. Atwood picked up all sorts of information from lots of collectors who are no longer around. He picked up a rubbing of the token listed as Ala 120 A. We have the rubbing, but noboby owns the token! The rubbing was made with a red pencil, so we listed the token as carmine. This is just a guess. We really don't have any idea what color it is. Then there's Iowa 880 A. Note the photo in Atwood is a picture of a rubbing. As far as I know, nobody actually owns the token itself. Then there's Nebr 320 A. The only example of it was owned by a collector whose whole collection was stolen, so now no one that we know of has the token. Who owns Iowa 575 A? The collector who owned it has died, and no one seems to know what became of the token. No one owns Conn 305 B. But the AVA owns the dies for it. We also own the dies for a token similar to Va 65 A, but much larger, which no one has found.

Bob Kloida, of Marinette, Wis., sends a copy of the newsletter published by Wisconsin Public Service Corp. WPS, it seems, has just divested itself of the last transit system operated by it, that of Green Bay. The City of Green Bay has taken over the bus system in that city. WPS once operated a number of transit systems in Wisconsin. Merrill, incidentally, had the first trackless trolley system for public transportation in America, in 1913. Now Merrill has what probably is the first electric bus, to provide free transportation service for elderly and handicapped people. This battery-operated bus is a project of the Merrill Committee on Aging.

On March 5 a total of 364 ballots on the Chicago Convention by-law amendments were counted by Elaine Willahan and Andrew Crusen in Los Angeles, with your president as an interested observer. The ballots were all found to be marked in a proper manner, with no voids.

For the first proposal, to lower the age limit of Junior Members from 21 to 18, the results were 334 "yes" and 30 "No." In percentages this was 91-3/4% to 8-1/4%, which is far above the 75% affirmative needed to carry any change. In the second matter, requiring a nominee's consent before his name is submitted to the secretary, the vote was 343 "yes" to 21 "No," or 94-1/4% to 5-3/4%.

All ballots are being kept until May 1, in case of any questions. The two changes are hereby declared effective, and they will be included in a reprint of our official constitution & by-laws planned for early this summer.

- Robert M. Ritterband

= NOMINATIONS BEGIN NOW =

According to the by-laws of our association, the president is required every February to call for a nomination of new officers. Therefore the nominating period is herewith opened, with a closing deadline of April 30.

For the first time this year, the position of curator becomes appointive by the new president and executive board, as our Editor's position always has been. The title of immediate past president is, of course, automatic. This leaves four officers of the seven-man board to be chosen by the general membership.

Also for the first time this year these elections will be for two-year terms. The president and vice-president are eligible for only one such period, though the secretary and treasurer can be returned to office repeatedly. Any member may nominate any other member in continuous good standing for at least three years prior to such nomination who is at least 18 years of age.

Members with nominations to offer should notify secretary Donald Mazeau (P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, CT 06413) in writing, after first ascertaining that such nominees would be willing to serve. A list of the nominees with their nominators will be printed promptly in THE FARE BOX, with election ballots included in the June issue. For the good health and welfare of our organization, every member is urged to give this important subject his early and careful attention.

= BIG DEMAND FOR KEEPSAKE MEDALS =

Response to last month's announcement of the new Silver Anniversary medals has been very satisfactory. When these lines were written, only two and a half weeks after that Fare Box came out, no less than 140 pieces had already been reserved by our members. The success of this project is thoroughly assured!

Orders will continue to be accepted till May 10, the absolute deadline. Send \$6.95 to Bob Ritterband - 6576 Colgate Ave. - Los Angeles, CA 90048. Make check payable to ARMOR MEDALLIONS. This price includes packing & shipping, and serial numbers of the medals will be assigned in strict sequence of receipt of orders.

This is a non-profit venture, and it's anticipated that some refund may later be made to each buyer, based on two factors: (the total number of pieces we finally have struck, and (b) the recent and sudden market upsurge in bullion prices.

Medals will be made of purest .999 silver, a bit larger and thicket than silver dollars. There will be only one striking, and this will be in silver only. If this kind of keepsake souvenir of our association's 25 years of progess appeals to you, be sure not to find yourself on the outside when the new medals are distributed at the Denver Convention and quickly thereafter by mail.

= THE TROLLEY BARN STORY = By Sam Ruggeri

Recently I stumbled onto an old trolley barn in Madison, Indiana, and I'd like to tell you about it.

In July of 1972 I joined the American Electric Power Service Corporation, which supplies the engineering services for the American Electric Power System. This includes over 25 coal-burning steam generating stations, over 25 Hydro generating plants and one nuclear station--located in the seven states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. As part of the Environmental Engineering Division I get to visit the stations from time to time.

In February of this year I had occasion to visit our Clifty Creek Station, located at Madison, Ind. Driving down Main Street I passed this building with two arched openings fronting on Main Street and a sign on the front of the building reading "Trolley Barn." Naturally I had to stop to investigate. The archways were of the proper size to permit a trolley to pass through, and on each side of the building was the remains of what could be a trackway. In back of the building there was a sizeable yard which could easily accommodate turnarounds and trackways.

Going in through one of the archways I found an old colonial wooden desk located up against the front wall, between the two archways. Over the desk was a sign indicating that the desk was on loan from a local historical group, and on top of the desk was a pile of advertising folders (of which I took a dozen). Looking further inside the building I saw four shops, which were newly decorated, occupying the front half of the building. Going around to the back I found a side door ajar and went inside (nobody was around to stop me). Inside I found that the rear half of the building had not been newly redecorated -- the roof rafters and side walls could be seen in their original state. Going back out and now reading over the folder I found that I had been investigating the original trolley barn used by the Madison Light and Railway Company, starting in 1896. Here, almost 100 years later and still standing, was a part of the system which used Ind 580 B. Unfortunately the trolleys are gone and there are no tokens around. Nosing around with a metal detector would be of no help since Ind 580 B was a carmine celluloid token. I inquired about tokens at the one coin shop in Madison but to no avail. I hope that on one of my future trips to our Clifty Creek Plant I shall be able to locate one of these tokens for my collection and perhaps even learn more about transportation through the years in Madison.

Incidentally, the Clifty Creek Station on our system is not related in any way with the Madison Light & Railway Co. Clifty Creek Station was built solely to supply power to the AEC installation at Portsmouth, Ohio, and the site was chosen solely because it was suitable for a power plant of its size.

= THE BENTON TRANSFER COMPANY = By T.H. Robinson

I noticed in the January Fare Box that the token "Benton Transfer Co." would be listed as being from Benton, Arkansas. As much as I would like to see a new listing from Arkansas I have to voice opposition to this. I did quite a bit of work for Sid White of Denver on the above-mentioned token and sent him my findings some time ago.

The Benton Transfer Company did operate a freight line between Little Rock, Benton, Bryant and Bauxite, Ark., from the early 1920's until 1935. The original owner, Mrs. Jo Hockersmith, still resides in Benton and is very sharp for 86 years old. I spent half a day searching records at the Court House, Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, etc. The other half was spent with Mrs. Hockersmith. She did not operate any type bus or hack service, and stated that tokens were never used in her business. Also, the phone number on the token does not match the one listed for her company.

= BRIDGE TOLL TOKENS = By John Coffee

I find that collecting transportation tokens according to the type of transport makes the hobby rather more interesting. Thus one might categorize tokens as omnibus, horsecar, streetcar (electric), motor bus, toll road, hotel hack (depotels), ferry, and bridge toll. I also separate the streetcar tokens into (1) those picturing the car; (2) early (pre-World War I); (3) late (post-World War I). World War I is a good cut-off time because it was at this time that the large token manufacturers began to grind out the mass-produced types (mostly 16mm and 23mm) with letters in the center.

Bridge toll tokens are unique in several ways, and make an interesting group by themselves. I believe there are only 168 major varieties of bridge toll tokens from the U.S.A. listed in Atwood or supplements thru the present. They don't provide a ride on anything, and for this reason some purists don't consider them strictly transportation tokens. Nevertheless they have always been considered transportation tokens by 99% of the collectors because the bridge is a very necessary part of transportation. The bridge toll token is the oldest type of transportation, dating to the year 1549 (Regensburg, Germany). Many of them, also, join two political jurisdictions, being therefore either interstate tokens, or international tokens.

This fact—that the bridge is a uniter of peoples—caused some early bridge designers to find deep emotional and philosophical significance in them. John Augustus Roebling, designer of the Brooklyn Bridge and a disciple of Ralph Waldo Emerson, believed the bridge represented "the unity of the philosophical and the practical," as a means to unite people. To Roebling—and many others—the bridge, especially the suspension bridge, was the most beautiful architectural achievement of America. Roebling built a suspension bridge uniting Cincinnati, Ohio, and Covington, Ky., in 1865 (it's still in use) and saw in it the symbolic reunification of North and South. When the Brooklyn Bridge was completed in 1883—patterned after the Cincinnati one, incidentally—it was hailed with some exaggeration as the Eighth Wonder of the World, and a harbinger of universal peace.

World history is filled with a record of exciting events that centered around bridges. In the United States, we have a token that pictures a bridge in Selma, Ala., which figured prominently in the civil rights struggles of the 1960's. There is only one example of this token known, and unfortunately it is quite worn. But I have always suspected that a little intelligent sleuthing around in Selma would produce more. We don't have many collectors in the South, and if we had another Gerald Johnson, living in Alabama, we'd probably turn up dozens of presently unknown tokens. Twenty-seven of the states have issued no known bridge tokens, although undoubtedly as time goes by, some will be found from some of these states.

From Arkansas we have the Fort Smith & Choctaw Bridge token, and there's only one of them known. Long before the token actually turned up, we knew of its existence. When I was in Fort Smith in 1969, I spoke to people who definitely remembered using tokens on that bridge over the Poteau River. Shortly after that, J.L. Hargett found one of them.

We have 9 bridge tokens from Illinois, all recent issues. They were still using them on the Veterans Memorial Bridge, which spans the Mississippi between St. Louis and East St. Louis, in 1969, when I drove over it. When the Rock Island Centennial Bridge instituted the use of tokens, they refused to sell us IL 760 L or M, saying these were special tokens. I wrote directly to the mayor of Rock Island, and persuaded him to sell these two tokens (along with the three regular issues) to collectors if we promised not to attempt to use them on the bridge.

The two Cedar Rapids, la., tokens which resemble Indian cents (with the interesting spelling error on la 150 A) are often believed to be very rare by coin dealers. Actually both of them are quite common for tokens that old.

For years the Muscatine, Ia., bridge tokens were a mystery. Finally in 1966 I began writing letters in search of the story of this bridge, and we published a full history of the bridge in the April 1966 issue of THE FARE BOX. In 1964 I visited the city and spent a delightful evening with a man who worked on the bridge and picked up some information then. I stayed overnight in a hotel close to the bridge, all all night long my sleep was disturbed by the rattling of the planks on the bridge as cars

-Page 18rumbled over it. I left the city next morning via the bridge, somewhat fearful that it might collapse any moment it was so rickety. In the process of my researches I was fortunate in being able to purchase a complete set of all major and minor varieties of the Muscatine Bridge tokens, and since then a few more of these tokens have turned up.

I wish someone would write us the story of the Atchison & Eastern Bridge in Kansas, and exactly how and why they used their token. It's one of the more attractive issues because it has a picture of the bridge on it.

The Kentucky bridge tokens are, with the exception of one modern token, Civil War tokens from Newport. Ky 641 A and B probably saw regular circulation. The others most likely—like nearly all off-metal Civil War tokens—were deliberately struck for collectors.

The Meridian Fertilizer Factory bridge token from Shreveport, La., is not owned by anybody. Roland Atwood saw one way back in the 1930's, but whatever happened to it is unknown. Hence we know the token is octagonal in shape, but apparently not even Roland remembers how large it was. Back around 1950 I wrote the fertilizer factory inquiring about the token. At first they were incredulous that such a token existed, but upon digging into their archives they learned that such a token was indeed used, and provided me the information printed in the Atwood Catalogue. They promised to make diligent search and send me a token as soon as they found one. That was some 23 years ago, and I have had no word from them since.

In 1949, just on a hunch, I decided to see if I could dig up a Union Bridge token from Waterford, N.Y. I wrote the postmaster of Waterford, who gave my letter to Colonel Sidney Hammersley, unofficial "historian" of Waterford. Colonel Hammersley responded with a story of the bridge, and a promise to search out the tokens for me. After about six months--and I had forgotten all about it--I got a registered letter with six tokens in it! These were NY 935 B,C,D, and NY 140 \bar{A} ,C,D, for which he asked 25¢ apiece. He asked if I was interested in any more of them, and after another month or so, he sent me five more--this time at \$1 apiece--which consisted of duplicates of the foregoing plus NY 890 A. It turned out that these three bridges had all been owned by the same family. He informed me that there were no more of these tokens in existence except for five he kept for himself. It seems that only a year or so earlier there had been a bag of hundreds of them, but they had been mixed in with the concrete of a pump works when the made a new floor for it! Apparently, contrary to his instructions, the manager of the pump works had kept out ten tokens and given them to his little boy. Colonel Hammersley clandestinely bribed the little boy to give him these tokens, he informed me, "somewhat compromising my military dignity." In 1958, the Colonel published a History of Waterford which did not sell well, and to raise additional money he sold me his last five tokens, this time for \$10 apiece. Having handled 15 of the Cohoes and Waterford tokens myself, I noticed that all of the tokens of these two bridges actually exist in two compositions, although we have not noted this in Atwood. The earlier type is not really vulcanite, but more like pressed fibre of some sort, and then the later type is regular vulcanite. It's hard to describe the difference unless you actually have both types in front of you. Looking at the photos on page 392 of Atwood, the 935 A and D are the fibre type, while B and C are the vulcanite type.

I didn't get the NY 890 B or C from Colonel Hammersley, but came into 890 C in 1959 or 1960 when a boy of 15 in my church said his father owned an interesting old black token. Sometime later, when they invited me to dinner, the father showed me the old black token, and my eyes popped out of my head. It was NY 890 C, and it was then only the second known example of that token! He presented the token to me, and added an immeasurable amount of joy to my day. A couple years ago I finally was able to purchase—for a very hefty price—the NY 890 B, and thereby complete my set of tokens for all three of these bridges.

The Marietta, Ohio, bridge token was discovered by the late Melvyn Scott of Dayton. Unfortunately he confused the metals and reported it as white metal. Actually it is aluminum, as I learned when I purchased it (the only one known) at auction (for a very hefty price also).

Someone discovered Okla 190 C several years back and I wrote the postmaster of Choteau to get some facts about the bridge. As it turned out the postmaster was a

woman, and her husband not only had a 25¢ token, he also had a 5¢ one, which he traded me for a \$5 gold piece. Later he sent me the 10¢ token as a gift.

There are 52 bridge tokens known from Pennsylvania--nearly a third of the total! Among the more interesting are Pa 130 A and B listed from Broad Ford. It is not at all likely they are from there. Roland Atwood got these from a Philadelphia coin dealer, and the two of them looked over a Pennsylvania map for a place that matched the initials on the token. Closest they could find was Broad Ford, but they never found anything to correspond to the P.C. also on the tokens. Roland also listed a 5c and 10c token, but as no one ever seems to have seen these or owned them, we dropped them from the listing. Where these two are really from is a mystery.

Most of the Pennsylvania bridge tokens are from northwestern Pennsylvania, and most of them are also very rare. My favorite, though, is from eastern Pennsylvania—the Nanticoke Bridge token, which I don't own. I searched for it in 1950 and again in 1958, but never got close. I believe there are only two of these known. Probably the commonest of the old Pennsylvania bridge tokens are the Oil City ones. A few years back someone found a bucket of Pa 725 A,B, and D, and there are at least eight die varieties of the brass D. The octagonal C is the only truly rare one here. Incidentally most of the brass D tokens were made from the octagonal ones—rounded out, as it were. Apparently the few octagonal ones still in existence missed the rounding process by error. Incidentally, it would be nice if someone could tell us what the mysterious initials on Pa 745 D and E stand for: "H. McK." and "P.B. Co. S.C."

There are a lot of stories behind the many Pennsylvania bridge tokens which have never been told. I would like very much to get stories of most of these bridges. Too often the collector is satisfied to get a token and then leave town...as was the case when Dan DiMichael and Don Mazeau visited Dawson, Pa. They found a token and off they went—although at least they got some data on the old bridge.

The Fredericksburg, Va., bridge token is one of my pets. It was found by Ed Levy in the 1930's, and when he auctioned off his collection I bought this one from him for about \$9.00. It is still unique. In spite of much sleuthing and newspaper publicity, no one has ever found another one. The 8ϕ toll was for an automobile. There was a 2ϕ toll for pedestrians, and there may have been a 2ϕ token for them.

It seems appropriate to close this discussion with mention of Wash 80 J. This modern token may still be in use for all I know. It's interesting in that it pictures the Tacoma Narrows Bridge (which is toll-free), and not the bridge the token is used on. This because the Narrows Bridge is the grandest and most beautiful bridge in the state. Originally completed about 1939 after strenuous efforts by my father, who was then a Member of Congress, the whole thing collapsed into Puget Sound in 1940. The ferryboats resumed their chores until after World War II, when a new, wider bridge was built, using the same piers. As soon as it was paid for, the tolls were dropped. It is a thing of majesty and beauty. Indeed, two of the most beautiful works of man might well be the steam locomotive and the suspension bridge. There is nothing extraneous on either—their beauty is in their function.

Nothing really needs to be said about the Wisconsin bridge tokens because Gerald Johnson has chronicled most of them in articles for THE FARE BOX. If we had a Gerald Johnson in every state, I imagine our catalogue would be 50% larger than it is, and our issues of THE FARE BOX would be 50% bigger than they are.

Unlike ferry tokens, which are a vanishing breed, and depotels and horsecar and streetcar tokens, which are relics of another age, bridge toll tokens probably have a good future. Bridges continue to be built. Many of them charge tolls. As populations increase and wages increase, the use of automatic fare-collecting devices at toll plazas will also increase. The metal token is the most sensible way to pay toll when the toll lies at an odd amount that cannot be paid with a single coin. Furthermore, there probably will be sets of tokens for many bridges—tokens for cars, trucks, pedestrians, etc.

Collectors of so much in numismatics are dealing mostly with antiques--relics of another age. Civil War tokens, hard times tokens, etc. Transportation tokens are blessed because they not only include relics of olden times, they also still continue in use. They still serve a vital and important purpose in our society. And their prognosis indicates an even greater use of them in the future than there was in the past. Bridge toll tokens have a rosy future, as well as an intriguing history.

= FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Zone Checks 997 (Reported by Louis Crawford)

(OBVERSE SAME AS 997 E)

K o B 39 Sd Fare Paid to San Fernando Not Good For Passage (incuse) \$5.00

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service)

▼ J A 32 Sd (same as 1000 D but anodized red) (*2/5/73-)

.15

COLORADO

Boulder 60 (Reported by William Flood)

YELLOW / CAB / BUS

D o A 28 Sd Good For / One Trip / From / Canon Park / to / Boulder, Colo.

WISCONSIN

Fond du Lac 220 (Reported by Brad E. Smith & Glen Williams)

(OBVERSE SAME AS 220 H)

J Pr Sq Sd Adult Token (23mm) (incuse white letters) .35

★ K Pr Sq Sd Adult Fare (23mm) " " " .35

Somerset 825 (Reported by Tex Barnett & Quincy Laflin)

FLOAT-RITE PARK INC. SOMERSET, WIS.

B A 29 Sd Good For One Aerial Chair Lift Ride .35

MISCELLANEOUS TOKENS (see page 633) (Reported by Robert Kelley)

Croup 31

V WM 20 D Good For One City Fare

Group 33

C B 20 H (blank) (scroll work)

TIMETABLES (see page 637) (Reported by Stanley Buckley)

D & C LAKE TOURS

AB WM 25 Sd Take the Waterway for Health and Happiness

FANTASIES (page 641)

Florence, California

FLORENCE & CRIPPLE CREEK RAIL ROAD -1904- DRA

1 B 26 Sd Good For 1 Adult Passage [these were made in 1972]

Mansfield, Ohio

MANSFIELD, RICHLAND AND ROWLAND RAILWAY CO.

1 B 29 Sd Good For One Fare [made in 1973 for a model railroad]

CANADIAN TIMETABLES (page 681) (Reported by Duane H. Feisel)

ALL KINDS OF / DRAYING / PROMPTLY DONE / C. DAVIDSON / SOURIS, MAN.

M o A Oc Sd Cresent Bus / Meets / All Trains / One Fare 15¢ /

Return 25¢ / Transfer/Line (24mm)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

We begin this month with another of those rare old zone checks of the Original Stage Line. See note under Glendale on page 71 of the Catalogue, as this company later came to be known as Asbury Rapid Transit. I believe one reason they changed their name was that F.H. Asbury became president of the line later on.

Then a miscellaneous cab token from Oakland. The owner of this line has been passing these out, and considers them good advertising. Also some collectors wrote

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to him for tokens. So he ran out and ordered new ones. One could almost also call these tokens timetables, as they do contain a phone number to call.

Bill Flood did some research on the Boulder, Colo., token, and learned that before World War I, and also in the 1920's, there was a skating rink and dance hall there. They had skating on week nights and dancing on Saturday nights. The Yellow Cab & Bus operated at that time. Canon Park still exists today, and is about a mile from downtown Boulder. Possibly some of our Colorado collectors will go scouring the area and after that we'll have a better idea of how rare the token really is—which is why we haven't given a price to it yet. As of now, it's rare. Bill's token has a crude hole in it which we believe was put in later on, and was not originally in the token. But if more of them show up with holes, we'll have to change it from Sd to Pc.

After a long wait we got enough Fond du Lac tokens to send out in the New Issues Service. Exactly why there are two different reverses of these tokens, I don't know. Glen Williams got these for us, and Brad Smith originally reported them. As the two tokens apparently are used interchangeably, when a quantity was purchased, one never knew which one he'd get. The result was it took a long time to get the right quantity of each one. In cases like this, I hold up the listing until we have enough of both kinds. Both are city fare tokens.

We are listing a token from Somerset, Wis., which Barnett and Laflin discovered last summer. They mentioned they might be able to get some for the New Issues Service. However, the place closes in the winter and will not be open for a few more months. The token is used on a chair lift which charges 35¢, or 3 tokens for \$1.00. You can rent innertubes for the ride down, but you have to pay to ride up on the chair lift, a distance of about 1900 feet. Then you can keep repeating the process till you get tired. Possibly this summer someone may be able to buy a supply of these for the New Issues Service.

There's a chance some of the Miscellaneous token listed this month could have been used by companies that didn't want to pay for the die work to make their own tokens. You never know where or when you'll find tokens of this type.

Not much is known about either of the timetables listed this month. The Canadian one looks as though it might have been a fare token.

Joe Pernicano writes that there are die varieties of Ark 405 A, which was pictured on Plate I of the 1958 Atwood Catalogue. Mr. Pernicano's token looks almost like copper or bronze, while Nicolosi and I have tokens which are definitely brass. Our tokens also are not the same die as the one pictured. Here is a case where we didn't check our tokens against the picture.

Mort Dawson reports that there are also die varieties on the Hartford, Conn., token which was sent out by New Issues Service August 1972. The NIS shipment were all the same die so we didn't note a difference in dies, but now Mr. Dawson notes that there is another different die variety. So add (Vars.) to the listing in the August 1972 Fare Box.

Melvin Fox sends a clipping reporting that D.C. Transit of Washington, D.C., has been taken over by Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, or Metro, as of January 14, 1973. This Authority hopes to take over the other lines in the area as well.

In the near future I intend to have another list published of additional bus lines which have been taken over by various public authorities. These would be companies taken over, but about which nothing was mentioned in the 1970 Catalogue.

As most collectors know, England has changed its currency system from pounds and shillings and pence to one based on 100 pence, or "new pence," to the Pound. This has resulted in a whole bunch of new transportation token issues from the United Kingdom, as all the tokens with values in the old currency would be obsolete. Thanks to Ken Smith, our New Issues Service has been sending out all of these new currency tokens as they have been issued. But we have only some 60 collectors in the N.I.S. who want the foreign tokens. Nicolosi, consequently, has lots of extras of these new British tokens. There's no waiting list for collectors who want only the foreign new issues. So if you would like to get the new British tokens, and have not been in the N.I.S., write Nicolosi (address in masthead of front page). This is your chance to get in at the beginning of the new currency era.

= FINAL SUPPLEMENT TO FIRST EDITION OF FEISEL'S CATALOGUE By Duane H. Feisel

By Duane H. Feisei	
ILLINOIS Evanston 3285 (Reported by Ben Odesser) EVANSTON FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN (PROPELLER) C B 22 Sd Courtesy Parking EVANSTON FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN D B 22 Sd Courtesy Parking	\$0.25
KENTUCKY Danville 3190 (Reported by Hal Ford) COURTESY DANVILLE, KY. MERCHANTS 1781-1970 A B 22 Sd Good Only in Parking Meters	.15
LOUISIANA Baton Rouge 3080 (G relisted; H reported by John Nicolosi) CAPITAL BLDG. & LOAN (ON CURVED LINES) G B 23 Sd (same as obverse)(1/72-) CAPITAL BLDG. & LOAN (ON STRAIGHT LINES) H B 23 Sd (same as obverse)	.25 .25
SOUTH CAROLINA Spartanburg 3840 (Reported by Clarence Hiorth) PARKING TOKEN FOR MONTGOMERY PUBLIC PARKING AREA D B 23 Sd (blank) (0: bottom of MONTGOMERY aligns) a. (just even with P just even with A) b. (above P above A)	.25
TEXAS Dallas 3255 (Reported by Hank Reidling) MC MAHAN SHOES DALLAS TEXAS (GATE) E Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. L) WISCONSIN Milwaukee 3510 (Reported by Gerald Johnson) GUEST PARKING	. 25
S B 25 Sd (same as obverse)	.25
CANADA - MANUFACTURERS' STOCK PARKING TOKENS Group 3052 (Reported by J. Douglas Ferguson) AUTOMATIC PARKING DEVICES (CANADA) LIMITED A A 26 Sd Good For Parking Only UNATTRIBUTED PARKING TOKENS - (Reported by Hiorth) TEACHERS CREDIT UNION (GATE) 3020 Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. I)	.25

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

There's joy in Sudsville tonight! The page typing for the new edition of the parking token catalogue has been completed—all of the tokens reported to date have been included even though it meant retyping quite a number of pages. The token photos to be used in illustrating the catalogue have been sent off to the printers to be prescreened, so all that is left to do now is to cut up all the plates containing many token photos into individual photos (trimmed right to the edge of the token) and glue them onto the proper typed pages. Just assembling the photos onto the pages to send to the printers took me about four solid days of work, so the remaining job will

Page 23-probably take a bit more time. Thouse of you attending the Token & Medal Jamboree in San Jose, Calif., on March 16-18 will have a chance to review Xerox copies of the typed pages. I will once again open the books to advance orders at a special price, but will hold off on that for the time being until the manuscript is actually ready to send to the printers. However, those of you who want the loose-leaf copy and have not yet ordered it, please let me know right away--there will not be any extra loose-leaf copies made!

There is almost a complete lack of information on the tokens reported this month. The new tokens from Evanston were sent to me without comment, and the money I had sent was also returned; sorry but I have no street address for you to try. Same thing for Danville--for the 25¢ sent I received one token with no comment.

Apparently there have been two batches of tokens for the Capital Building & Loan in Baton Rouge. From rubbings of the new H token being reported now, the batches appear to be from different manufacturers.

No information at all on the Spartanburg, S.C., listing. I suspect that there may be a relationship between this new token and the one previously reported for the Montgomery Building.

When the Dallas token was reported Mr. Reidling said that the owner of the shoe store would send a token to those collectors sending 25¢ +SAE--the street address is 3903 Gaston Ave. Well I sent off on February 1 and here it is the 22nd and I do not have a token yet! So you can take your chances. The letter assigned to the token is from the new catalogue. Also note that this token has a new type Parcoa reverse. Although the token will be listed in the new catalogue, since I do not have the piece I could not show this new reverse.

The Milwaukee token is used at the Lutheran Hospital of Milwaukee, and it is very similar to a previously reported token (old AI, new R_ except that the inscription appears on both sides. When I wrote to the Hospital for the new token, my money was returned without comment. This is the sort of token which would easily be a stock token, so if it turns up in use at any other location in the future it will be shifted to the MSPT category.

So far the new MSPT from Canada is being used at only one spot, and even the supply there is very limited. Someone has been trying to get a supply for PTNIS, but so far this has been impossible.

Things seem to be quiet for PTNIS subscribers, but I hope there will be lots of activity in the months ahead. There are now a few openings available in PTNIS if anyone is interested in receiving this service.

= FEBRUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

Finally our "pending tokens" have arrived, after quite some delay. We are happy to have received them, and they will be on their way to you shortly. These are Wis 220 J and K, which took some time to get as they had to be picked up a couple at a time, because the company would not cooperate with collectors. Again for assisting us as usual, thanks to Glen Williams for his time and effort. We all appreciate your efforts, Glen. Thanks a million.

Then you will also receive Calif 1000 J. These three tokens will be sent to all new issues members.

All November and December foreigns have now been mailed and should be in your possession-for those who collect them.

Probably the most disastrous streetcar crash in history took place in Tacoma, wash., on July 4, 1900. A trolley car loaded with celebrants returning from an Independence Day picnic went out of control on Delin Street Hill. It roared down the hill, and fifty people were killed, and countless more injured.

= FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =
By Kenneth E. Smith

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Mar	ıly	480 (Reported by R. Owens of Hanly Co.)	•
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JULY-DEC. 1970 (18x28mm)	
RFc	B	Sd	(numbers) (G plated) (300 passes number 1 to 300)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JULY-SEPT. 1970 (numbers) (19x23mm)	
RGo		Sd	(g plated) (120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	1.00
RHo	K	Sd	(Gm plated) (80 passes numbered1 to 80)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. OCT. DEC. 1970 (23x26mm)	
RIO		Sd	(numbers) (G plated) (120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	1.00
RJo	K	Sđ	" (Gm plated)(80 passes made numbered 1 to 80)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JAN. JUNE 1971 (25x29mm)	
RKo	В	Sd	(numbers) (G plated) (300 passes made numbered 1 to 300)	1.00
			P J & M S S CO. JAN. MAR. 1971 (15x36mm)	
RLo		Sd	(numbers) (G plated) (120 passes, numbered 1 to 120)	1.00
RMo	K	Sđ	(" (Gm plated)(80 passes numbered 1 to 80)	1.00
			P J & M S S CO. APRIL JUNE 1971 (18x28mm)	
RNo		sd	(numbers) (G plated) (120 passes numbered 1 to 120)	1.00
ROo	K	Sd	" (Gm plated)(80 passes numbered 1 to 80)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JULY-DEC. 1971 (25x22mm)	
RPo	В	Sđ	(numbers) (G plated) (300 passes numbered 1 to 300)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JULY-SEPT. 1971 (22x24mm)	
RQo		Sd	(numbers) (G plated) (120 passes numbered 1 to 120)	1.00
RRO	K	Sd	" (Gm plated) (80 passes numbered 1 to 80)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. OCT. DEC. 1971 (25x21mm)	
RSo		Sđ	(numbers) (G plated) (120 passes numbered 1 to 120)	1.00
RTo	K	Sđ	" (Gm plated) (80 passes numbered 1 to 30)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JAN-JUHE 1972 (23x30mm)	
RUO	В	Sđ	(numbers) (G plated) (300 passes numbered1 to 300)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JANMAR. 1972 (18x27mm)	
RVo		Sđ	(numbers) (G plated) (120 passes numbered 1 to 120)	1.00
RWo	K	sa	" (Gm plated) (80 passes numbered 1 to 80)	1.00
			P.J. & M.S.S. CO. APRIL. JUNE 1972 (27x24nm)	
RXo		sa	(numbers) (G plated) (120 passes numbered 1 to 120)	1.00
ŘYo	В	Sd	" (Gm plated) (30 passes numbered 1 to 80)	1.00

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact working and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

KENNETH E. SMITH

328 AVENUE F

REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

= PRICES REALIZED IN BERNARD YAGODICH'S MAIL AUCTION FOR OCTOBER =

IL 795 A\$8.50	OH 440 B\$5.25	Pa 495 G\$4.35	Pa 745 E\$26.75
IA 640 026.10	OH 475 C12.10	Pa 495 H 7.10	Pa 755 A21.00
Ky 510 C 9.31	NY 630 Q 5.55	Pa 515 B 3.75	Pa 930 B50
Ky 510 D14.20	Pa 320 A 2.25	Pa 725 A12.25	Pa 965 C10.00
Ky 510 0 3.05	Pa 495 A10.20	Pa 745 B22.20	Tex 965 D12.76

Syd Joseph, who will be in charge of displays at the August 1973 A.V.A. Annual Convention in Denver, requests that members planning to bring displays write him, so that he will know how many display cases to borrow. These cases will be on loan from the Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association.

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MY DUPLICATE TT's for your comm. stamps. 3 tokens for your comm. plate block or FDC.
My 10 tokens for $1 face in mint comm. singles.
                               406 Mem<u>orial St.</u>
                                                                  Coal Grove, OH 45638
A.V.A. DECALS: our blue 3" emblem decals are continuing to sell well. They are useful
for luggage, den walls, hobby cases, etc. The cost is only 20¢ +SAE or 5 for $1 post-
paid. Do YOU have yours yet? While present supply lasts order from AVA Treasurer:
R.K. Frisbee
                                   211 King St.
                                                                      Denver, CO 80219
SWAP OR SELL: Johnstown, PA 495 1. Will trade for another TT of equal Atwood value,
or will sell for 50¢ cash. Either way, plus SAE please. Several available.
                                6576 Colgate Ave.
FOR SALE: circa 1912 transportation coupon - Good For 25 Cents / Continental Hotel &
Passenger Transfer Co. / Hoboken, N.J. / (pic of hotel) / Agrees to furnish / meeting
the bearer at any railroad station & escorting him with his hand luggage to any steam-
ship pier in New York City or Hoboken, without any extra charges whatever. Paper 8½"
interesting item, at $1.00.
                                                                     Chester, PA 19013
Robert E. Paige
                                  2028 Edgmont Ave.
WILL TRADE MY PERSONAL TOKEN FOR YOURS. If you have no token, send SAE.
                                                                      Brokaw, WI 54417
Dorothea Case
                                      Box 43
FOR TRADE OR SALE: have several pieces of Pa 655 A, which I will trade for any TT
cataloguing for $1.50 or more. Will sell at $4.00. Will make deal for Pa 605 A B C.
                                                                 Pittsburgh, PA 15207
                            1431 Leaside Drive
FOR TRADE: ILL 155 B, 385 A; OH 440 B C E; OK 640 A; PA 320 A, 495 J, 515 B. Need
Ark, Miss, La, Tex, but will consider other states. Many other dupes. Lists exchanged
                                   Box 8405
                                                                 Pine Bluff, AR 71601
SEND SAE + 80¢ worth unused postage stamps - receive special parking certificate good
for free hour city garage, and 1 scotchlite stick on taxi license, 1 ditto bicycle
license, 2 diff. metal dog tags and 2 diff. metal cat tag licenses, all city of Brem-
erton, Wash., unused prior to 1973 issues.
                              3518 Rocky Point Rd.
                                                                   Bremerton, WA 98310
G.W. Gallagher
COLORADO TOKENS WANTED. Will buy or trade other Colo. transp. tokens for: Colo 300
E, 340 C, 440 C D, 620 B, 640 A, 760 H I G.
                                                                   Englewood, CO 80110
Sidney J. White
                              4760 So. Jason St.
PENNA. TOKENS FOR TRADE: 105 A, 165 G, 195 H M, 305 E, 325 B E, 375 A, 463 A, 605 E
FKLMN, 675 BD, 765 ZAB, 920 B, 980 A, for tokens I need. Send lists to:
                                                                    Fenelton, PA 16034
                                     Box 9
Charles McKee
WANTED TO BUY: Calif 110 B D, 125 A B C, 275 A B D E, 300 A B C D E I J K L, 320 C E F G H I, 450 D F G L, 540 A, 545 A B, 745 F G H L T U V, 785 B, 800 A B, 825 A B C,
835 B I, 845 A B C D E F, 895 E F G K P.
                                                                  Marinette, WI 54143
                              2821 Parkridge Ave.
Bob Kioida
HAVE TWO TYPES OF OBSOLTE RAILROAD SERVICE PINS, also have small business token from
Merrimac, Mass. SAE for further info and my want-list. Want info on where I can get
"good fors" made, and the cost.
                                                                 Alexandria, VA 22304
Richard P. Parker
                              6148 Edsall Rd. #304
REDUCING MY COLLECTION to western states, type 1 & 3 buses. Have over 1900 TT's
(different) to trade and/or sell. My want-list for yours. If no, or not enough
trades will quote, or inquire, price. P.S. don't have census tokens to trade.
                                                                     Marina, CA 93933
John L. Trembley
                                       Box 37
TRADE TWO OF FOLLOWING, SC 3100 A B, 3700 A, Mich 3920 A, ILL 3075 A, or have several
diff. types of Penna. parking for one of these: ILL 3150 A D E F I J K L P S T U V W
Y AB AC AD AE AF AG AH AT AK AL AM AO AP AR AS AT AU AV AY BA BB BC BD BE BF BH BH BT
BJ BK BM BN BO BP BQ BS BU BV BW BX BY BZ CA BC CC CD +SAE.
                                 2614 Legare St.
WANTED: PLASTIC TOKENS - Pa 146 A B C, 155 A B, also Pa 723 A, 770 C, 850 D, 955 A;
RI 520 F I, all zone TT's. Will trade my extra TT's and PT's or coins, Indian cents
                               - 1523 Bailey St.
                                                                   Lansing, MI 48910
thru ½ dollars. - Roice Rider
FOR SALE: McGuire AFB, NCO club, 25¢ token, $1.00. $1 token, $2.00. Will also trade
for military tokens | need. = Al Zaika - P.O. Box 65

    Bellmawr, NJ 08030

WANTED: TRADES. Have duplicates of census and scarce transp. tokens; parking, car
wash, and telephone tokens. If you have something I need, I am sure I can offer some-
thing you need. Three vars. of Calif 3760 B available.
                                                                     Oakland, CA 94611
                                 6641 Saroni Drive
Harold V. Ford
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_February 1973_
WANTED: N.B. 300 A; N.S. 350 D E, 850 B C E F H, 998 A; Ark 105 A, 190 A, 285 A B C,
450 A C, 480 all except P Q R, 720 B. For cash or trade.
                          10201 Christophe Colomb
                                                                Montreal 359, Quebec
WANTED: postcards (new or used) of trolleys, interurbans, steam locomotives, depots.
Will trade one transp. token of my choice for each postcard sent me. Hundreds of to-
kens available. = H.D. Conner - 1604 Blue Bonnet Drive - Fort Worth, TX 76111 FARE BOX BACK ISSUES - JAN. 1963 TO DEC. 1970 - 96 issues, clean & complete, with in-
dex sheets. $32.00 postpaid USA. Also have to trade for fare tokens, an accumulation
of unhinged U.S. plate number blocks (regular & commemorative issues). If interested
write & suggest a formula based on Scott and Atwood catalogue prices.
George Schroder
                 - P.O. Box 12100
                                                                     Dallas, TX 75225
MAIL BID: NJ 250 A (Fort Dix); political token Taft & Sherman 1912 with pictures
1-1/8": transp. tocket excellent cond. red with block printing GOOD FOR A RIDE ONLY
ON RIDGE AVENUE R.W. / EMPLOYEE'S TICKET. Personal token to trade for yours.
                            1 Second Street -
                                                             No. Arlington, NJ 07032
CONN 210 B for sale. There are 2 varieties in spacing on the obverse. I have a very
limited number of each variety. I need $1.00 each. If you don't know which variety
you have, send yours and I will send back the different token and your original token.
Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane -
                                                             West Hartford, CT 06119
FOR SALE OR TRADE - send your want-list of TT or PT, will price and return list on
tokens available for sale or trade. Wanted: Miss., La., trade tokens, will buy or
trade. = Lou Crawford
                                       Box E
                                                                Long Beach, MS 39560
FOR SALE OR TRADE: Ark 285 B. $1.50; Tenn 690 G H I, $1 each; Tenn 690 J K; Ind 680
B C D; Ohio 830 D E F; Tex 225 H, Ky 510 BL BM, 50¢ each.
Louie H. Crawford Jr. - 106 Sea Pine Road - Long Beach, MS 39560 BOTH VARIETIES OF THE OBSOLETE PARCOA token: Dr. Adler-Dr. Price Parking Lot / Tampa,
                                                                 Long Beach, MS 39560
Fla. will be sent in exchange for 2 diff. 25¢ TT's from La., Miss., Ala., Ga., S.C.,
or Fla. = Robt. B. Clark - P.O. Box 13331 - St. Petersburg, Fla.
NEED THE FOLLOWING S.C. TO COMPLETE MY SET: 110 A, 310 A, 450 E, 490 B C, 500 A C,
650 A, 730 B. Also want S.C. parking & trade. Will buy or trade.
Randy Chambers
                                 P.O. Box 1026
                                                                   Gaffney, SC 29340
WILL TRADE ALASKA 190 A. Cal 745 D thru J; IL 430 A B C, 475 B C D, and many more for
tokens I need. Would like to buy originals or Xerox of Fare Box for Jan., Aug.,
Sept., Oct. & Dec. of 1969. Also March & December of 1968.
W.G. Garrison
                             9505 Normandy Ave.
                                                              Morton Grove, 1L 60053
FOR SALE TO BEST OFFER: collection of 440 different celluloid like plastic TT's from
Wates, England, Scotland, and Ireland. Some scarce.
John K. Curtis
                   - P.O. Box 263
                                                         Willowdale, Ontario M2N/5S9
BEAUTIFUL OHIO CELLULOIDS for sale: 440 A $3; 440 C $1; 440 E $2. Also Springfield,
Ohio, tokens, which a majority have been melted down: 830 C 35¢; D E F G at 25¢ ea,
+SAE. = Clara M. Migley

    210 S. Maple St.

                                                                 Lancaster, OH 43130
CAR WASH TOKEN COLLECTORS - send up to 5 diff. and receive 5 diff. in return. Also
buying car wash tokens. Send list & price.
                                                                  Westerly, RI 02891
Marvin E. Simon
                                   10 Gallup St.
WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE: Jas. J. Corbett - Robt. Fitzsimmons medals in aluminum and
other metals, commemorating world's championship fight at Carson City, March 17, 1897.
Do not want HK 276 and 277. Have better merchant, saloon and transp. tokens to trade
from many states. = Hal Dunn - P.O. Box 114 - Carson City, NV 89701
PERSONAL TOKEN - will trade one for one if you have different issues. You send me
yours and I will send you mine. Pennies not wanted or accepted. These are plastic
tokens red in color.
William E. Eisenberg
                                  3728 Mayfair St.
                                                                 Pittsburgh, PA 15204
NEW PERSONAL BRASS TOKEN "C" sent free for SASE. 1,000 minted.
                                                                 Wheatland, CA 95692
Bill Williges
                                  P.O. Box 445
FOR TRADE OR WILL SELL to highest bid if no trade: Alaska 190 A; Ind 997 A B C D.
Robert Kelley - 6315 Parkview Circle -
                                                                      Mason, OH 45040
Brass token good for one fare on my model trolley line, Mansfield, Richland and Row-
Land Railway Co. (listed under Fantasies in this month's Atwood Catalogue Supplement)
available for 25¢ +SAE.
                                                                  Mansfield, OH 44906
John R. Smith
                               323 Park Avenue West
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NEEDED: back issues of The Fare Box: July 72; Aug, Sept 71; Jan, Feb, Oct 70; Jan 69; Mar 68; Aug 67; Jul, Aug, Sept, Oct 65; Jan 64; all 63; all but Mar & Apr 62. Please write. = Lou Sutton - P.O. Box 12692 - Norfolk, VA 2350 FOR SALE: Tex 30 D 15¢, 30 E 25¢, +SAE. Medal: Arlington Noon Optimist Club Third Norfolk, VA 23502 Annual Tourney, Dec. 4-5-6 1969, Arlington, Texas. Rev: 3rd Annual Arlington Classic (pic of man & basketball.)bronze 36mm \$1.00 +SAE. Wanted: Double Tokens. Wichita Falls, TX 76307 Andrew Morgan P.O. Box 1268 FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES PLUS POSTAGE (others at catalog value + postage): Cal 1000 C D E F I J 25¢ each, 240 B 30¢; Col 30 A 35¢; P.Rico 640 I 30¢; Hamilton Ont 400 C 20¢; Tehran, Iran 750 J \$1; The following at Cat: Ont 865 A B; Ia 50 C D; Wis 970 A B; SD 600 A B; Pa 95 A B; Ore 475 A B; Mo 360 A B; Minn 865 A B, 520 AH; Kans 360 A, 10 A B; Ind 710 A B; Fla 620 A B: Que 190 C: Newfoundland 725 A. 25¢. John G. Nicolosi 3002 Galindo St. Oakland, CA 94601 FOR SALE: Ariz 840 A B C E 50¢ each; ILL 350 G 30¢, 190 F 30¢; Ind 520 B 40¢, 460 N \$3.50; 460 0 \$6, 460 E \$1.50, 90 A \$3, 90 B \$4; Ky 480 S \$1.50, 480 Ra Rb 40¢ ea; Pa 870 A 50¢; NY 905 B E G all 3 85¢, 905 C 75¢, 905 D F \$3 ea; Md 300 A \$3; ND 320 C H 1 J all 4 75¢, ND 320 B \$3, 320 E \$1; NM 430 A \$2. Merchant tokens set of 5 city & state \$2.50. +SAE please. 10609 Eastern Kansas City, MO 64134 HAVE 10 SETS FLA 130 B C D, trade, sell for any Calif. 25¢ token. Will buy Calif 895 O P Q. Send prices. Also trades. 1236 N. Orange Drive Hollywood, CA 90038 FOR TRADE: one Canadian International Paper Company travelling permit, Type II, for Canadian TT, PT, bus & car tickets, amusement tokens, Canadian tokens, or what have 5120 Bourret #9 you? = Barry Uman Montreal 252, Quebec -CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AND PASSES except North America, First edition 1967 at \$5.00 either bound or unbound; specify which. Make check or M.O. payable to Kenneth Smith. Autographed if desired. Order directly from: 328 Avenue F Redondo Beach, CA 90277 ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 3rd edition 1970. 731 pages profusely illustrated. The official standard of the hobby. Available either bound in red buckram, or loose-leaf (pages only, punched for 3-ring binder which is not included). Regular retail price is \$10. Special price to A.V.A. members only is \$7.50 postpaid. Mailed same day order is received. American Vecturist Assn. P.O. Box 1204 CHECK LIST OF ALL U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSIT TOKENS, 21 pages 82x11", each page has 2 listings so it can be cut in half to fit standard $8\frac{1}{2}x5\frac{1}{2}$ " loose-leaf binder. Easy to use and carry. Price \$1.25 postpaid 3rd class. \$1.50 for first class mailing. Ralph A. Hinde 225-30 106th Ave. Jamaica, NY 11429 SMALL COLLECTION FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER. Contains 1,835 U.S., 20 foreign, and 266 duplicate U.S. A listing of catalogue numbers is available from Ralph A. Hinde (address in above ad) for 16¢ in stamps. But mail bids directly to Mrs. V. Rosenthal 112 Montgomery - Highland Park, NJ 08904. She will write the highest bidder directly; please be definite in your bids. This is the collection of a deceased AVA member.

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE APRIL 16 =

Advertisements in THE FARE BOX are free to A.V.A. members: up to 6 lines in every issue, if desired. Simply write out your ad, along with your name & address, on a separate sheet (or a postcard) and mail it to the Editor. It will then be printed in the next issue.

Do not send more than one ad per month. Be sure your ad is different each time. Don't send in several and say "this is for March, this is for April," etc. I don't have the secretary help to keep track of things like that.

If your ad contains an auction, it must not include any token listed at under 25¢ in Atwood, Smith, or Feisel. It must also not include any token still in use, regardless of value.

Ads consisting entirely of catalogue numbers and prices are limited to 3 lines, rather than six, and the price of larger ads like that is <u>double</u> the regular price (which is 85¢ per line over six).

Abbreviation: "+SAE" = "plus stamped addressed envelope."

- 1373 RICHARD A. MOORE BOX 156 HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA 19440

 Age 34; Store Manager: Collects U.S., Canada. (Pernicano)
- 1374 LUCILLE SAYLOR 1294 LUCAS AVENUE LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202 Age 49; Saleswoman. Collects U.S. (Mazeau)
- 1375 ELMER D. SABOL ROUTE 3, BOX 18A WARREN, MINNESOTA 56762 Age 39; Farmer. Collects U.S. (Sailor)
- 1376 DENIS McALLISTER 289 SCARBOROUGH ROAD NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, ENGLAND NE6/2RY Age 25; Site Clerk. Collects U.S., Canada, Foreign. (Mazeau)
- Age 25; Bus Driver. Collects U.S. (Vachetta)
- 1378 JOEL O. LUBENAU 7 PINE TREE LANE MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03054
 Age 34; Health Physicist. Collects U.S. (Coffee)
- 1379 BUCK WITT ROUTE 2, BOX 92B CANBY, OREGON 97013
 - Age 62; Painter and Decorator. Collects U.S., Parking. (Jack R. Smith)
- 1380 MR. A. BRACIKOWSKI 77 WARSAW STREET CHEEKTOWAGA, NEW YORK 14206 Age 55; Cabinet Maker. Collects U.S., Canada, Parking. (Hinde)
- 1381 LOUIS R. KARP BOX 18088 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40218

 Age 67; Executive. Collects U.S., Canada, Foreign, Parking. (Mazeau)

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= DELAWARE VALLEY VECTURISTS =

The last meeting of the Delaware Valley Vecturist Assn. was held at Joe Pernicano's office in Fort Washington, Pa., on Sunday, February 4. Attending were Dan DiMichael, Al Zaika, Joe Pernicano, and Len Paul. The usual business of buying, selling and swapping of tokens took place plus a lot of yakking about tokens and related subjects such as car wash checks, their sources and supplies available. Dan had some tales about how he and Don Mazeau acquired some rare tokens in remote sections of Pennsylvania on their travels. Next meeting will be Sunday, April 8 at the same old stand—Joe Pernicano's office in Fort Washington Industrial Park, 1260 Virginia Dr.

Our previous meeting was at Dave Jordan's home in Flourtown on Dec. 3 - present were Jordan, DiMichael, Hiorth, and Paul, and discussion was mostly on Dave's collection of old U.S. atlases, some of which show old trolley & train routes with names of the routes right on the maps. Dave uses these as research sources.

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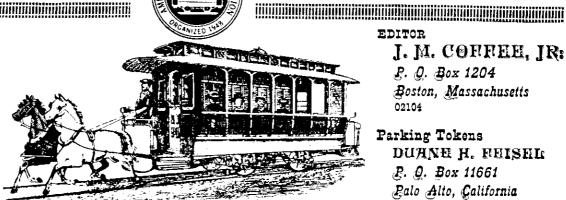
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JOSEPH ALLIS

In the nearly twenty-five years that I have been Editor of THE FARE BOX I have written many obituaries on the various front pages. It is never a pleasant task for it marks the last farewell, in every case, of an old friend who has shared with all of us the unique excitement of collecting transportation tokens.

My present duty is a particularly unhappy one. Joseph Allis, AVA #L-431, of New York died March 7. The cheerful and gregarious proprietor of an excellent little Italian restaurant, Joseph always threw the welcome mat out for visiting collectors, and wined and dined them with his compliments when they visited his restaurant. In the beginning when the North Eastern Vecturist Association was looking for a meeting place, Joseph made his restaurant available and provided a sumptuous luncheon for all present at nominal cost. In return for this kindness, NEVA awarded him an honorary life membership.

Sometimes naive, always open, perpetually friendly, a dedicated extrovert, Joseph was a born collector. He collected not only transportation tokens, but beer cans, beer trays, railroad uniform buttons, and various other kinds of tokens.

He attended every convention of the American Vecturist Association after he became a member, and he recorded our triumphs and our foolishness with his ever-present camera, often asking one of us to take a picture of him with the camera, with some appropriate background such as a locomotive or old streetcar. The man had almost a kind of charisma about him. When he entered the convention meeting room, you could almost feel his presence. He brought an ebullience, an excitement for the ordinary, an affection for the common things of earth, wherever he went. And it was contagious. His presence enlivened any gathering, and made all of us glad that we had come.

As the years roll by, and we oldtimers get older, the inevitable reminiscence at conventions will turn to Joe Allis, and in moments of dullness and boredom when the meeting seems to drag, we'll remember him, and miss him. But our sadness will be somewhat extenuated by the gratitude we all shall feel, for having had the privilege of knowing him.

His spirit was large and generous. He was lots of fun to have around. In the words of Robert Ingersoll, "If everyone for whom he did some loving kindness were to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers."













Our Association has members in practically every state in the Union, plus the Canadian provinces and some collectors overseas. The blood vessels which keep this vast body together, and keep it in good health, are our lines of communication between each other. Without the ability to keep in close touch (largely by mail), we wouldn't have an actual organization at all.

Because we depend so much on distant contacts for our dealings, everyone must be positive to observe good ethics at all times. Lately your officers have received several complaints regarding a few members who obtained material from others and then failed either to settle their accounts or offer reasons why not. Conduct of this kind will not be tolerated in AVA, any more than it is in other collector groups.

Sometimes the problems are no more than misunderstandings or disagreements, in which case one of the officers tries to act as a mediator. However, when it appears that someone is deliberately refusing to settle a debt, the Executive Board has no alternative but to expel that member. Such problems are of course also brought to the attention of postal authorities.

Always be prompt and accurate in settling your accounts. If for some reason you cannot, then be quick to get in touch with the other party and give him a full explanation. And if you happen to be a victim of bad practices, please report the details promptly to any of the A.V.A. officers. We pledge not to let the matter go by without thorough attention.

- Robert M. Ritterband

= FINAL CALL FOR ANNIVERSARY MEDALS =

The last chance is drawing near for members to reserve their copies of the new A.V.A. Silver Anniversary medals. Orders will continue to be accepted by president Robert Ritterband until May 10, 1973, but not a day later!

The list price of \$6.95 each, with a maximum order of five per member, is indeed most reasonable. Keep in mind that these pieces will be of .999 fine silver, and a bit larger and thicker than a silver dollar. (Similar coin medals are now being offered by dealers at prices ranging from \$10 to \$20.) Furthermore, this is a non-profit venture for our organization, so it is likely that some refund can be made later to every buyer.

Complete details are in THE FARE BOX for January and February. If you haven't already placed orders, or wish to increase one now in, send your payment at once to Armor Medallions - 6576 Colgate Ave. - Los Angeles, CA 90048. When the medals are distributed to all in August, you'll be glad that you didn't overlook this club keepsake.

As of the date this is written--March 26--we're still waiting for tokens to arrive. We still have problems with delayed tokens. But the month is not a total loss. You will receive one U.S. token, Ala 470 C, which will go to all N.I.S. members. Our usual sincere gratitude to Bill Garrison of Illinois for his part in getting these for us.

Foreign token collectors will receive the 3 Danish listed in the January Fare Box. But some will get only one of them as there weren't enough of 320 A and 860 A to go around. We got only 49 each. But 5 T will go to all members.

Fantasies listed in THE FARE BOX are not handled by us, so if you see one advertised and you want it, you must order it from the person offering it, directly.

We anticipate a very good month for April, if the "pending" tokens arrive.

This is a continuation of the list of public mass transit authorities from page 145 of the November 1972 issue of The Fare Box.

Tuskegee, Alabama - grant from U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to Tuskegee Institute to study bus needs.

San Diego, CA - San Diego Transit Corporation is now owned by the City.

San Jose, CA - Santa Clara County District took over San Jose City Lines, Peninsular Lines of Palo Alto, and local Peerless Stages lines in San Jose, on January 1, 1973.

Santa Ana, CA - Orange County Transit District took over Santa Ana City Lines on August 1, 1972, and South Coast Transit Lines on September 1, 1972.

Colorado Springs, CO - Colorado Transit Management, Inc., (city operation) took over lines about September 16, 1972; accepted tokens of former company for 60 days and tokens no longer accepted after November 16, 1972. Using straight cash fare now.

Hartford, CT - Connecticut Company went on strike November 25, 1972, and no bus service since. Possibly a public transit authority will take over.

Wilmington, DE - Greater Wilmington Transportation Authority took over Delaware Coach Corp. on January 5, 1969, and name changed to Delaware Authority for Regional Transit in May, 1971 (DART).

Tampa, FL - DOT grant to Tampa Bay Regional Council. City of Tampa took over the line early in 1972.

Augusta, GA - City of Augusta applied for DOT grant to acquire Augusta Coach Co. Aurora, IL - DOT grant to City of Aurora, who started public bus service in January, 1971.

Decatur, IL - City of Decatur obtained DOT grant to help acquire Decatur City Lines.

Peoria, IL - Greater Peoria Mass Transit District came into being April 21, 1971. Anderson, IN - City of Anderson applied for DOT grant to buy buses.

Bloomington, IN - Asked for DOT grant for area-wide bus system for City of Bloomington and Indiana University.

Evansville, IN - Metropolitan Evansville Transit System started July, 1971, with small buses.

Burlington, IA - Possible takeover by City of Burlington on July 1, 1973.

Cedar Rapids, IA - Regional Transit Authority of Cedar Rapids took over 4/1/67.

Des Moines, IA - Present company adopted name "Iowa Regional Transit Corp." on July 1, 1970 (this is not a city-owned line), but a DOT grant to Central Iowa Regional Planning Commission for possible takeover.

Covington, KY - Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) took over 11/7/72. Frankfort, KY - City of Frankfort asks for DOT grant.

Lexington, KY - Transit Authority of Lexington and Fayette County puts in bid for purchase of buses.

Paducah, KY - DOT grant to save loss of its bus service.

Portland, ME - Greater Portland Transit District got DOT grant to plan purchase of the Greater Portland Transportation Company.

Springfield, MA - DOT grant to Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission; also a mention of a Springfield Mass Transit District.

Battle Creek, MI - has a transit authority, possibly called Battle Creek Transit Authority.

Minneapolis, MN - Twin Cities Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) acquired the bus system in September, 1970. This also applies to the company in St. Paul.

Billings, MT - DOT grant to City of Billings necessary for city to purchase the privately owned Bus Lines of Billings.

Omaha, NE - Mention of a Metro Area Transit (MAT).

Manchester, NH - DOT grant to planning commission.

Winston-Salem, NC - Winston-Salem Transit Authority took over this city's bus lines on December 1, 1972.

Eugene, OR - Lane Transit District took over the local line November 23, 1970. They are expected to use both 16mm and 23mm tokens later this year.

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Portland, OR - Tri-County Metropolitan Transit District took over Rose City Transit Co. on December 1, 1969; also took over Tualatin Valley Stages and other lines, and operates in three counties.

Allentown, PA - Lehigh & Morthampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) purchased Lehigh Valley Transit on October 29, 1972.

Williamsport, PA - DOT grant to City to purchase the bus line. It will be known as the Williamsport (Pa.) Bureau of Transportation.

Chattanooga, TN - Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) took over Southern Coach-Incline properties January 28, 1973.

Austin, TX - City of Austin took over operation of this bus line about the beginning of 1973.

Salt Lake City, UT - Utah Transit Authority took over Salt Lake City Lines in 1970.

Burlington, VT - Chittenden County Transit Authority is paying a subsidy to Burlington Rapid Transit Co.; expected to take over the line about June 30, 1973.

Norfolk, VA - Tidewater Metro Transit System took over in March, 1973, and all transit tokens are now obsolete.

Olympia, WA - Olympia-Tumwater Inter-City Transit.

Seattle, WA = A transit authority has taken over Seattle Transit (which was itself city-owned) and Metropolitan Transit Corp. (which operated buses from Seattle to Tacoma) as of January 1 or 2, 1973. Bus fares have been reduced and souvenir tickets were issued January 2. More on this later.

Huntington, WV - Possibility of a Tri-State Transit Authority.

Washington, DC - on January 14, 1973, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) took over D.C. Transit, A.B. & W. Transit, and W.M. & A. transit. It will operate in the District of Columbia, and adjacent counties of Maryland and Virginia. See article elsewhere in this issue.

These lists contain names of cities on which I have had information as of April 1, 1973. There may be others on which I've never seen information. There are also various cities which have applied for Dept. of Transportation grants, whereby they buy some buses and lease them to the private bus line currently operating, in order to keep the private company running. I haven't listed these, as the company in operation would be the one we listed in the 1970 Atwood as having the tokens. I shall appreciate clippings about any bus systems going public which are not listed in the above list or on page 145 of the 1972 Fare Box, and also on anything not listed in the 1970 Atwood Catalogue.

When you send clippings, please write on it the date of the clipping. I have one clipping mentioning that a certain Authority took over a line at 12:01 A.M. on a Friday morning, but haven't any idea what date, what month, or what year!

There is always also the question of the tokens. When the public authority took over a given line, did it also acquire the tokens of the company or companies it took over? And if so, are the tokens stored in a safe somewhere, destroyed, or put back into use for one reason or another. This has happened in the past. Even in the public authority discontinued tokens when it took over, it might bring them out again later, and collectors should watch for this possibility. They could be the same old tokens formerly used, or they could be different ones.

= MYSTERY TOKEN DISCOVERED =

Neil Sowards reports the discovery of an unusual item from Cincinnati. It was made on a piece of rectangular white metal, inscribed "1 HORSE SINGLE TRIP HATCH'S TO DELHI EX. L.R.R. CO." Delhi is a suburb of Cincinnati. The letters are struck individually, not die-struck, and such items are always easy to counterfeit, although this piece certainly appears to be genuine. It has been offered on the market for \$75.00. In any event, it would be interesting to learn more about it. It would appear to be a turnpike token.

At 2 a.m., January 14, 1973, history was made. The Washington, D.C., region, by Congressional and Presidential mandate, began to own its own bus system. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, builders of the Metro rapid rail transit system, operates the system for the region.

At 2:01 a.m., the bus system was about the same except that a program of consumer-oriented operations, with improvements financed by the people of the region and the federal government, came into being. The first of these improvements came two weeks later when the 35¢ transfer charge levied between the lines of the different bus companies was eliminated. At the same time, senior citizens throughout the region were permitted to ride with a 15¢ discount from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. on weekdays, and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Buses will be repainted at the rate of about two a day, and 500 repainted buses will be on the streets during the first year of the new Metro operation.

A total of 620 new buses have been ordered, and the first of them will be on the streets by late summer of 1973. Some 500 older buses will be retired.

Between the time of the publication of the 1970 Atwood Catalogue, the tokens DC 500 AB AC AD AI and AJ all became obsolete.

The new Metro now operates lines formerly operated by Washington, Marlboro & Annapolis Motor Lines, and Washington, Virginia & Maryland Coach Co., as well as D.C. Transit.

The tokens DC 500 Y and Z continued in use from January 14 thru February 14, after which date tokens were redeemed at 40¢ each by the Metro, but were not any longer valid for fare. Paper tickets, called "toktiks," or "token-tickets" were used in various denominations--either them or exact fare cash. However, Metro soon decided (which we could've told them) that the paper tickets were unsatisfactory for a large metropolitan operation. Metro had bought a six-month supply of "toktiks," that is, slightly more than a million of them, for \$11,300. However, the paper tickets turned out to be difficult to tabulate, and of course had to be replaced continually.

Accordingly, Metro has ordered four million metal tokens, which will probably be 23mm, with an "M" in the center. The metal tokens will be put into use early this summer. Meanwhile the "toktiks" will continue to be honored indefinitely, even after the tokens go into use. Incidentally, the 4,000,000 metal tokens will cost somewhere between \$95,000 and \$110,000. We don't know which firm is striking them, but the bid was put out on a competitive basis.

Washington had been the second largest U.S. city (behind Houston) with a privately owned bus system--but the Houston operation was much smaller than that in D.C. About the only large cities still served by large private transit operations are New Orleans, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Louisville, Newark, and Phoenix.

Our thanks to Richard P. Parker for supplying the information put together in this story.

= TOKEN-STAMP TYPE ENVELOPES TO BE AVAILABLE AT DENVER CONVENTION =

Sid White writes that token-stamp type envelopes, similar to those sold by the 99 Corporation, will be available at \$1.25 at the A.V.A. Convention at Denver. These will sell at \$1.25, and will contain a Denver token and an 8¢ cable car stamp. Anyone not planning to be at the Convention may order the envelopes in advance from Sid White at 4760 So. Jason St. - Englewood, CO 80110. Price \$1.25.

"We plan," he writes, "to use several of the Denver and Englewood tokens so not all of the envelopes will be the same. They will be serially numbered, and we shall try and supply a variety if requested, and consistent with our supply (set at 400 envelopes right now). The white envelope goes in a plastic cover, which is also included."

= THE UHLENHORSTER FAHRHAUS TOKEN OF GERMANY =

Recently Ben Odesser sent an interesting token to the Editor, suggesting that it might be a Germany ferry token. The token is described as follows:

UHLENHORSTER FÄHRHAUS 100

B (28) Sd (same as obverse)

Unfortunately I returned the token without taking a measurement, but my recollection is that it is about 28mm in diameter.

The word fähr means "ferry" in German, so we thought we might have a ferry token here. However, to be certain, I wrote our expert on German tokens, Mr. F.J. Bingen of the Netherlands. His reply is quite interesting...

"Dear Mr. Coffee: You were right in thinking the Uhlenhorster Fährhaus token is not a transportation token. Uhlenhorster Fährhaus means "Ferry House in Uhlenhorst," and Uhlenhorst was formerly a small village to the north of Hamburg on the River Alster. It is now part of the City of Hamburg. In Mr. Heyden's book on Hamburg town traffic there is a picture of this ferry house.

"The token in question is not a trade check. It was not used by the public, but by the waiters of this hotel-restaurant (a well-known resort for a day's outing for citizens of Hamburg). These waiters bought a quantity of these tokens before they began work. The tokens were issued in several denominations—often only 10 and 15 pfennig. When he got an order, the waiter paid at the bar with one of these tokens, or with a combination of several of them. Then when cash registers came into use, the use of these tokens was abandoned.

"I cannot say anything about the rarity of tokens like the one in question. Mostly they are scarce, but the collectors of these items are also scarce! The only thing that could give this token a bit more value for a transportation token collector is the fact that it is related to transport insofar as it was used in something called a Ferry House."

= CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS MEET =

The second meeting of the year for the California Association of Token Collectors found us once again gathered at the home of Elaine Willahan. Sixteen members and five guests were in attendance, including Atwood, Gordon and Claire Smith, Carter, Kubach, Ritterband, Ticknor, Miller, Lipshie, Thompson, Barnes, Stephen and Jeffrey Alpert, Ken and Kirk Smith, Crusen, and Willahan. Guests were Lanny and Diana Ellman, Bill and Doris Willis, and Eleanor Smith.

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the Token Jamboree in San Jose reported that there were plenty of tokens for sale, and that an all around grand time was had by all.

Ed Miller gave us a run-down on his book coming out this year about horse cars of Costa Mesa. Also John Barnes related his adventures in running down tokens in Hawaii.

Our next meeting will be May 6, 1973, once again at Elaine's home. Token collectors and guests are always welcome.

= MUSCATINE BRIDGE BLOWN UP =

Last month I mentioned the many tokens issued by the Muscatine (Iowa) Bridge. The bridge, which was getting pretty rickety, was built in 1891 at a cost of \$149,000. A new bridge was built to replace it last year. So on Tuesday, April 3, 1973, the old Muscatine Bridge was deliberately blown up. Pictures of the sad fate of the bridge appeared in papers across the country. Ironically, it cost \$193,000 to destroy it. Sometimes it costs more to die than it does to be born.

-Warch 1973- = MARCH SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS = By Kenneth E. Smith	5
ENGLAND (Reported by Donald Capper) Chesterfield 170	
CHESTERFIELD CORPORATION TRANSPORT (CITY ARMS) DA C 23 Sd 1p (maroon) \$0.1	15
Hy Wycombe 377 CORPORATION OF HIGH WYCOMBE -CONCESSIONARY FARE- 3p	
AD C 26 Sd (blank)	50
Newbury 543 NEWBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL	
AD C 26 Sd Concessionary Bus Fare 3p (lemon) .3	50
NEWBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL AE C 25 Sd Concessionary Bus Fare 3p (blue)(vars.) .3 (The above English tokens will be distributed by Nicolosi's N.I.S.)	0
AUSTRALIA Manly 480 (Reported by Les Hawthorne)	
P.J. & M. S. Co. Ltd	
BZo Bz 24 E-sc (numbers)(Sv-plated)(used by employees)	
ARGENTINA Buenos Aires 160 (Reported by J.D. Ferguson) SUBTERRANEOS DE BUENOS AIRES UN VIAJE I A 20 Sd Y P F (thick)(YPF = Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales) .2	!0
(This token put into use January 1, 1971, obsoleting 160 G & H) (Listing of this token was delayed several months because I was promised 100 each of 160 G H & I by a dealer in Buenos Aires, for the New Issues Service. But we've now given up on him. Our thanks also to several other persons who reported this token.)	
FRANCE	
Le Havre 400 (Reported by Yosef Kotier) VILLE DU HAVRE -TRAMWAYS- (CITY ARMS) I o A Oc Sd VIIIe du Havre-Tramways-Familles Nombreuses (24mm)(Vars.) 1.0	Ю
SCOTLAND	
Perth 730 (Reported by L. Hawthorne; location by K. Smith) SCOTTISH CENTRAL RAILWAY FREE TICKET (ALL INCUSE)	
PAo Sv Sh Pc (name & authority, all incuse) 6.0 (Shape of above token is a Scottish shield, size 18x22mm)	0
SWEDEN Stockholm 820 (Reported by Ferguson and Kotler)	
S L ROPSTEN GENOMGÅNGSPOLLETT OFO A 24 Sd Lidingöbanan 100 Biljettresa .3 (This token is for ROPSTEN, the name of a subway station where travelers change trains when going from Stockholm to Lidingö or return, and is used by these persons to change trains to Lidingö. The 100 is for 100 ore, or one Swedish krona. The station's name comes from a bridge where, in the 18th Century, travelers had to call for a rowboat. Ropsten literally means a stone from which you shout for a boat to fetch you. SL is for Stockholms Lokaltrafik company.)	iO
Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please continue to send in listings.	

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= MARCH SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

ALABAMA

Huntsville 470 (Reported by W.G. Garrison)

CRESCENT MOTORS INC. HUNTSVILLE, ALA. (CRESCENT)

C o WM 23 Sd Good For One Fare (crescent) [9/69 to 6/70]

\$0.25

[Solid token used as school fare]

MARYLAND

Salisbury 840 (Reported by Joseph Pernicano)

SALISBURY TRANSIT

B A 16 Sd One Fare [* 10/30/72][student token]

.20

C B 23 Sd

[adult token]

.30

OREGON

All mother Britains

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by Joseph Pernicano)

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR / AUG. 16-20 / 1966 / THE MODERN ONE / (LOGO)

A o We 38 Sd Good For 5 Cents on any Ride / Kiddies / Day Only /

Wed. Aug. 17 / 1966 / Hillsboro / at the Wash. County Fair

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Duane H. Feisel)

WATERLOO OMNIBUS CO. / S. SHILLIAM, / PROP.

130 A 25 Sd Good For / One / Ride

CORRECTION to Timetable token listed Feb. 1973 Fare Box: put slash mark between last two words: Transfer / Line

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

First we have a token from Huntsville, Ala. Note that in this listing I have not, as I ordinarily would have, put (same as 470 B). The reason is that in making the listing in the Catalogue, we left the (crescent) off the obverse of 470 B. We had it correct in the 1958 Catalogue, but left (crescent) off in the 1963 Catalogue, and continued the error in the 1970 Catalogue. No one caught this until we got this new solid token. In the 1960's they decided to use their tokens as school tokens, and 15,000 more tokens were ordered 10/9/62. Then on July 13, 1964, another 15,000 were ordered; on September 29, 1964, 15,000 more again were ordered. And then again August 4, 1965, they ordered yet another 15,000 of them. On December 20, 1965, they ordered 10,000 more. On August 16, 1966, another 10,000 were ordered. On August 28, 1969, they ordered 28,400 more. Well, on that order of August 28, 1969, the die broke after 6,600 had been struck--that is, the die that made the slots in the token. So the company told the manufacturer to go ahead and strike the balance of the order solid, without the slots. So the new solid tokens went into use in September, 1969, and were used until June, 1970, when the tokens were discontinued. The adult fare in Huntsville is now 35¢. I mention all the orders because nothing was ever reported to us that tokens were in use since 1950. Strange as it seems, in spite of all the reorders, no die varieties have been discovered. The only difference was in the solid tokens that finally, by accident, were struck.

This is the second time in recent years that a company wanted tokens in a hurry and went ahead and made them solid for this reason alone. See Santa Monica, Cal., tokens listed January 1970 Fare Box. This also may be the reason the latest Baltimore, Md., tokens came this way. Baltimore tokens listed May 1972 Fare Box. This information also indicates that even though we say a token is obsolete in our Catalogue, it could well be the token was placed back into use after we got our information that the token was obsolete. This token—solid one—was originally discovered by Ed Tetrault, who informed Bill Garrison, who made arrangements to get the tokens for the New Issues Service.

We also have a couple tokens for Salisbury, Md. Although the name on the tokens

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is Salisbury Transit, the correct name of the company is Delmarva Transit, Inc. - 108 Ashylon St. - Salisbury, MD 21801. They ordered 500 of each token, so are reluctant to sell a quantity to the New Issues Service. We waited a couple months to see if they'd change their minds, but so far nothing. So everyone is on his own as to obtaining these two. They won't be handled by NIS. One way we sometimes get tokens in situations like this is to ask them to order 500 more of each, and offer to pay the cost of striking the whole 500, in return for keeping 200 for ourselves. We'd still get them at a little under face value and everyone would be happy, but some companies are reluctant and suspicious.

As to the wooden nickel...usually when a wooden nickel is reported to me the person doesn't say where he got it, and we end up with a guessing game. This is also true of wooden car wash and parking tokens. The question always is: were they actually made for the company, or are they a bunch of reprints made by that outfit in Texas for collectors? Unless we have proof the token came from the facility that actually used it, we don't list them. In this case, we know the wooden item was used at the fair because we were able to pick up a couple directly from the fair. As I doubt if the ride only cost 5¢, I'm listing this item as a Miscellaneous. I hoped to get more information from the fair committee, and also possibly a supply for NIS, but can't get this information so we'll go ahead and list it.

Duane Feisel reported the unidentified token which presumably is a depotel. The natural thing would be to assume it is from Waterloo, Iowa. There are, however, at least ten Waterloo's in this country. Our token may be from any one of them.

Another token we have marked obsolete in Atwood is Utah 400 C, which was listed before the New Issues Service started. Well, this token is back in use now at five for a dollar. I can't find any die varieties on the newly used tokens from the one I've had in my collection for over 20 years.

This report completes twenty years of tenure for me in handling the New Issues Report. I was ready to let someone else take over, because I had a few pieces of mail that were not to my liking. But I'll hang on for a while longer. However, during the new few months I'll want to make some comments on listing tokens.

One of the problems on listing certain tokens, such as those that were never placed in use, is interesting. First of all, I do differentiate such tokens. There are such tokens ordered and received by a company which for some reason were never put into use. I think we should have some kind of listing for them. But this also creates problems. For one: someone will get a token and think the world is coming to an end if the token isn't listed next week. Take the token listed Under Miami, Florida. When the 1970 Catalogue went to press, all the information we had was what we put in the Catalogue under Miami. Since then I've heard another story that when the Transit Authority took over down there they took all the old tokens of Miami and destroyed them. So even though there is only one known, what price do we give? I am satisfied to leave it as is, but leave the price off and just give the explanation.

Another token is Hawaii 240 E. This token was made over 20 years go (hurry up and list! they said). A small number of these were obtained by collectors over the years, and sometimes they sold as high as \$20 or more apiece. Well, a short time ago the city of Honoluly took over the bus company, but they didn't get the tokens. Some one else got the tokens, and has been selling them at various places. A friend of mine PICKED me up a couple of them, not knowing if I needed them. When I said I did, he said he could've picked up a handful. So these tokens have been distributed in various ways in various places in Hawaii. Many of the coin dealers have them and are selling them at various prices. They are even sold at some stores as souvenirs. Again, we have some collectors who want to delete anything sold as souvenirs, so when someone tells me some other token is sold as a souvenir so take it out of the Catalogue, I say it's impossible. Another case of the 1970 Atwood going to press before we got all the latest information. Another collector was told there were 20,000 of these Hula Girl tokens made. So they should never be scarce. I'm in no position to tell anyone to buy or not to buy. But don't ask me how much to pay for them. My own opinion is that if the fare was 25¢, the price to pay is 25¢.

I'll be mentioning some other unused tokens in the next issues of THE FARE BOX.

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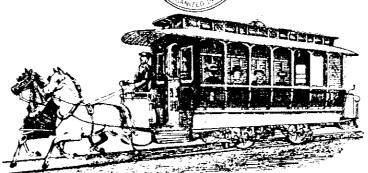
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Our 310th Issue

April 19, at 10:30 p.m. With only a little over two months left before I leave for the West Coast, and five issues to be published in that time, it occurred to your Editor that we simply had to catch up one way or another. So we are enclosing two issues for you this time, in one mailing. Both issues are up to date as of April 19. The May issue will be published as soon as I get enough material to make it of respectable size, probably in about three weeks if I'm lucky.

Toward that end, remember that ads are free in THE FARE BOX, up to 6 lines in every issue if desired. Simply write your ad on a postcard or separate sheet of paper with your name & address, and send it to the Editor. We love to publish your ads. The ad pages are the most popular part of every issue.

After I finished writing the obituary for Joseph Allis on the front page of the March issue, it occurred to me that one of the best ways an AVA member can help perpetuate Joe's memory is through our Tribute Fund. A small donation in the name of Joseph Allis, sent to our Treasurer, R.K. Frisbee (211 King St. - Denver, CO 80219) would be a positive and creative way of saying a small thankyou to a wonderful man.

In one of these two issues you will find Harold Ford's Census of Rare Tokens. This is the list of tokens of which fewer than ten examples are known to exist. As it is right up to date, it is really more valid than the Atwood Catalogue values, which were posted over three years ago. This tells you the latest information on the rarity of tokens. It is especially helpful to newer collectors who may be uncertain about purchasing some expensive token. Always check the census list before you buy. You may be buying a once-rare token which has since turned up in quantity. Publishing this list is a vital service to our members, and we are grateful to Hal Ford, who not only compiled the list but also cut the stencils for it.

Also in this issue is a list of members who forgot to pay their 1973 dues. Now, obviously a number of these people intend to pay. There are too many familiar names on the list. But we have no choice, for the moment, but to drop their names from the mailing list. If you know one of these folks, please tell them we want them back in 1973!

With respect to AVA members who are publishing things, the Editor just received two excellent little booklets published by J.W. Baum of Wichita. One is Baum's Checklist & Album of OPA Tokens. The other is A Primer of American Exonumia. Both are limited printings.













= QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAY PASSES = By Les Hawthorne

(Mr. Hawthorne reports the discovery of an interesting recent series of Australian metal passes, which are described as follows:)

QUEENSLAND GOVT. RLYS. 2 2 Sq 17 (name, number, date) Α Α В Sq 73 11 C Sq 2/43 Α Sq 2/34 D Α Ē Sq Sd Α 11 F Sq Sđ 2/15 Α G Α Sq Sd 2/11 Н Α Sq Sd 24/27 1 Sq Sd 118 Sq Sd 25 J Α A Sq Sd 11

(These tokens are all 23mm, and all are pierced with a small hole in one corner. Reverses vary, and the manufacturer's name is also on some of them.)

These are season tickets or yearly passes issued by Queensland Railways to their passengers who travel regularly between Brisbane and outlying stations. Brisbane is the number one, or central, terminal station for the railway, and the single numbers on the passes represent the outlying stations. Where there are numbers over numbers, these passes are used between the stations represented by these numbers. There are six basic obverses on these passes and a number of different reverses. As there are 180 different stations, there are many single numbers and a great many more numbers over numbers for passes in between these stations. As to the different reverse varieties, there are passes with no manufacturer's name, some with small mfg's name, some with large mfg's name, some with mfg's name in larger oval. Also on some there is APP. (for apprentice, who got a cheaper fare), or WIFE, or FAM. (family), or PRIV. (private compartment). The two 2's on the obverse stand for Second Class. At present First Class and Second Class have been abolished, though. The First Class passes were the same as the Second Class ones, different only in that they were made of brass. It was unfortunate that all the First Class passes were destroyed, making it impossible to obtain any of these.

These passes which I have were used from 1969 thru 1971. They are now impossible to obtain, the remainder having been destroyed.

= NEW TYPE OF NEWMAN MERRY-GO-ROUND TOKEN DISCOVERED =

Unidentified #96 has always been a mystery. The manufacturer's name, MOISE S.F. made many of us believe the token was from San Francisco. But a search of City Directories by your Editor some years back (for the years 1895 thru 1915) turned up no T.O. Newman living there. Now a non-member, Mr. Ford Knight of Missoula, MT, comes up with a T.O. Newman token, just like Unid. #96, except that the manufacturer's name is not Moise, but BAILEY, BUTTE. This strengthens the hopes of Montana collectors that the token was actually used in the old Columbia Gardens park in Butte. The die work is similar, but slightly different from the Moise pieces.

Because of my failure to find a Newman in San Francisco City Directories, I now suspect the tokens were used in Montana. Perhaps the original order was placed thru a Butte store, which sent the order to Moise to be struck. One batch came through with Moise's name on them, while another batch had the name of the store which took the order. This often was the case with tokens. The name of the manufacturer on the token was not necessarily the actual outfit that made the tokens, but rather the name of the firm that took the order, and then farmed the work out to someone else.

Now if someone will just search old city directories in Butte...

= TOKENS OF THE LAST SIXTY YEARS = By Ralph Freiberg

In 1916 the modern fare box as we know it came into being—that is, a fare box with more than one token dial. Previous to this I don't know what type of fare boxes were in use. I have no knowledge of any of our 16mm or 17mm tokens being used prior to 1916. We do have a token with 1914 on it for Lexington, Ky., but this is a 21mm token, which is the same size as a 5¢ piece, so these would have worked in the nickel register. We also have Neb 540 O that went into use in 1914, which is 23mm. We did have a number of 23mm tokens prior to 1916, but it seems likely they did not go into registering fare boxes, but rather were dropped into simple lock boxes, or even hand-to-hand payment of fare.

However, in 1916 there appear for the first time advertisements offering fare boxes with two dials, to register two sizes of tokens—and tokens to fit them appeared in Mobile, Ala.; Evansville, Ind 280 C; and Racine, Wis.

A short time later there also appeared some tokens struck in copper. I believe copper was used from 1916 or 1917 to about 1923, when they decided that copper was not hard enough, and switched to the metal we know as bronze. In only a few cases was brass used back then.

This situation continued until the time of World War II. During the war years many zinc and steel tokens were struck. Towards the end of the war some old used cartridge shells were melted down to make brass available, with the result that brass tokens were struck towards the end of the war. Often these brass tokens were coated with a silvery substance to make them look like the white metal tokens they were replacing.

But as bronze became available again, nearly all tokens—following the war--were struck in bronze, or in white metal. Very few brass tokens were struck once bronze became available again.

Now, however, the price of metals has skyrocketed. Bronze is especially expensive. The result is that many companies which were using bronze tokens for twenty years or more switched back to brass to save money. On a small order, the difference in price between brass and bronze would not be an important factor. But when you have a huge order in the tens of thousands or more, then the differential becomes important. So when these companies have to reorder tokens, they are likely now to order brass, rather than bronze, tokens, to save money. I mention this because it's quite possible that many places will do this and I'll never find out about the new brass token...unless you collectors do some checking yourself. So whenever a bronze token is in use, check occasionally to see if new brass tokens are coming into use.

I know of many fare boxes which register coins and one size token, also others that register coins and 2 sizes of tokens. But so far I have not seen any that register 3 sizes of tokens. If anyone has, please let me know.

If you do see what you believe is a brass replacement token for a bronze token, please send an example to a member of the Catalogue Committee. We can't tell from a rubbing, of course!

= TRINIDAD, COLORADO, TOKENS AVAILABLE IN QUANTITY =

Hector Turgeon writes that the formerly scarce token Colo 860 C--listed at \$1.50 in Atwood--is now very common. It seems that, through an ad in ANTIQUE TRADER, the son-in-law of the former owner of the firm (whose name is Michael McNair, of San Pablo Calif.) is selling a large batch of these tokens. Apparently a number of AVA members loaded up. Obviously the catalogue price of \$1.50 is now too high. Collectors should use caution in bidding on, or purchasing, these tokens at inflated figures.

Mr. Turgeon also reports discovery of an interesting item, and would like to have information on how it was used. Kansas City collectors could help us here!

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Ostrava 560 (Reported by G. Zerbes)

ST. B. STEG. HRABOVKA (STAMPED NUMBERS)

PAo Z Ov Sd (blank)(copper-plated)(35x28mm)

(A pass between Ostrava and Hrabovka, a suburb. St. B. is Staats Bahnen.)

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Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277 328 AVENUE F KENNETH E. SMITH

- The 1973 Census of Rare Tokens by Harold V. Ford 6641 Saroni Drive Oakland, Calif. 94611

This is a list of those transportation tokens of which fewer than ten are known in the hands of collectors. These are the "census tokens." If the letter is underlined, three or less are in the hands of collectors. Collectors swapping rare tokens are advised to consult this list in preference to catalogue values in the Atwood Catalogue, because values of rare tokens in the Atwood Catalogue were simply based on the 1970 census, which in the case of a number of tokens is now much outdated. Thus if a token catalogued at 37.50 in Atwood is not listed in this list, there are now more than ten of them known. Please write me if you have any questions in regard to this list.

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This census is based on information received in regard to the discovery and trading of rare tokens. I try to check out auctions and trades between members. I appreciate members' cooperation in reporting trades, auctions, and sales. Therefore, I will not get a double count on the same token and drop it from the census sooner than justified.

STATISTIC .: A comparison with the last published census of 4/71:

Added to census ~ 54 listings
Dropped from census ~ 16 listings
Dropped from census, underlined status ~ 23

= FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO FORD'S CATALOGUE OF CAR WASH TOKENS By Harold V. Ford

ALASKA: Anchorage 50 (Sochor)

OLSON GAS SERVICE TESORO CAR WASH 3607 SPENARD ROAD SPENARD, ALASKA

B B 23 Sd (blank) (obverse lettering incuse black)

EL TESORO TESORO CAR WASH 36th & SEWARD HWY ANCHORAGE ALASKA

C B 23 Sd (blank) (obverse lettering incuse black)

CALIFORNIA: Los Angeles 450 (Ritterband)

COIN-OP CAR WASH 3035 S. ROBERTSON .WASH/WAX.

F WM 24 Sd (blank) (obverse lettering incuse)

FLORIDA: St. Petersburg 880 (Clark)

SUNSTATE CAR WASH (INCUSE) TOP INSERT (ARROW) Al (1 slot)

A Z 29 Sd B4 C6 (2 slots)

Tampa 910 (Clark)

BIG W CAR WASH (WHITE LETTERING)

A Pr 23 Sd 1

B Pq 23 Sd 5

[One red for each gallon of gas purchased; one green for each 5 gallons. 21 = 1 car wash or 2.25 w/o gas purchase.]

WISCONSIN: Merrill 500 (G. Johnson)

NORTH STAR COIN CAR CLEAN 25¢ (INCUSE)

A B Pg Sd (blank) (24mm) (Pg = pentagon [5-sided figure])

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA: Vancouver 800 (Carpenter)

WORTH 50¢ TOWARDS CARWAH & WAS AT BUSY BEE CARWASH SAVE THEM FOR FREE WASHES & WAXES

Don't Require a Carwash (white lettering both sides)

Pb 38 Sd One 50¢ Raincheck For Each 5 Gal. Gas Purch. On Any Day You

SASKATCHEWAN: Yorkton 980 (Stewart)

YORKTON 66 CAR WASH (INCUSE)

A B 24 Sd (blank) (12-sided)

CHANGES & ADDITIONS:

Relist the Spenard, Alaska, listing (Fare Box 6/72, p. 80) as Anchorage 50 A; then add the two listed this month.

B.C. 625 A, inscription should be listed as (incuse).

Since I submitted the supplement published in the January 1973 issue, I've learned that the following can be obtained by writing: Ida 100 A; Ia 300 A (2525 Ingersoll Ave., ZIP 50312); Wis 110 A; Ont 180 A.

I wrote Doug Williams in Anchorage regarding the 2 new listings. He reports that Olson uses Alas 50 A B C and will cooperate with collectors who write. He also reports that the man in charge of the 50 C location would not. He states that the City of Anchorage now includes the Spenard suburb, hence the relisting of the earlier Spenard issue.

Calif 450 F is now in use. Bob Ritterband can help out if a letter to the address listed doesn't get it for you. Fla 880 A I don't know about as I need it myself. 910 A & B will send; address: Busch Blvd. & N. Nebraska Ave., ZIP 33612.

Wis 500 A has over 900 specimens available and wants to sell the entire lot for \$110 + postage. Address: 1609 E. 7th St., ZIP 54452. BC 800 L is used at 3 diff. locations. 815 Davie St. has sent specimens. Sask 980 A will send. A street address doesn't seem necessary to reach this user.

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WANTED: Merchant tokens, especially need lots of ten or more of the same kind. Send
complete description plus your lowest cash price. I'll send you an immediate Yes or
                                        Box 445 -
                                                               Wheatland, CA 95692
No answer. = Bill Williges -
RUBBINGS OF ALL TYPES OF N.J. ITEMS needed for college project. My new personal tok-
en 1189-B for any school, parking token or N.J. item. Send any lists.
Don Noe - 1 Second St. - No. Arlington, NJ 07032
FOR SALE: Calif 760 G 85¢, H 75¢, I 45¢; Illinois 1000 A 75¢; Mich 75 I 75¢; NY 505 A
75¢; 10 diff. parking gate tokens $3.65. 10 diff. car wash tokens $3.95. All orders
must include postage to cover the weight of tokens ordered.
                           6641 Saroni Drive
                                                                 Oakland, CA 94611
TRADE PARKING TOKEN for my choice of your 25¢ transp. token (new-brass) City of Hol-
land, Mich. 1847-1972 (house trees windmill), reverse: City of Holland Parking Meter
Token, Shop Downtown.
                                                        Battle Creek, MI 49015
Gerald Perkins
                            1073 Barberry Dr.
FOR SALE: Fla 860 A, ST AUG 15, at $1.00 each.
                           6332 N. Richmond St.
                                                                 Chicago, IL 60659
Ben Odesser -
PERSONAL TOKENS NEEDED: I still need some of these. I am willing to pay any fair
price. List what you have and how much you want. My personal token 1312-A for SAE.
I only have 50 of these left.
Joan Leventhal - State University College, Sisson Hall, Box 343-B Potsdam, NY 13676
FOR TRADE ONLY: two for one: offering Minn 230 C and lowa 230 A, for Wis 360 B.
Clarence Heppner - 203 Jones Building -
                                                                 Seattle, WA 98101
WANTED: Texas 5 B, 30 C, 65 D F, 135 C, 320 B C, 340 P, 360 A, 445 B, 590 A, 760 B,
890 B, 965 F H J K; Ark 150 E, 360 B D, 435 H I, 480 H Lb, 885 Da F; Okla 640 B.
I have over 3,500 tokens from all states to trade for these, or name your price.
Also need most census tokens from these states.
                               8847 Liptonshire
                                                                 Dallas, TX 75238
Henry C. Reidling
FOR SALE: Alaska 800 A $3.00; Iowa 150 B $5.00; Md 60 T $1.00; Mich 1000 B $7.50;
NY 630 B $27.50, 735 D $2.00; Ohio 515 C $1.00; Pa 15 D $17.50, 750 B $23.00; Va 500
E $1.00, 620 N $3.00, 620 F $9.00; WVa 200 A $2.50. Timetable M $6.00.
David E. Schenkman
                              P.O. Box 16122
                                                                Suitland, MD 20023
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15 GOOD BUYS: C+ 235 B $4.50; Fla 380 C $4.50; la 510 A $7.50; Mich 1000 A $4.00;
Mo 140 A $7.50; NY 629 L $3.50, 630 U $3; NC 160 A $4.50; Pa 15 F $2.50, 320 A $5,
495 J $2.50; RI 520 J or L $2.50; N.S. 200 A $10, 450 A $7.50. My latest sales list
for SAE. = Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. -
                                                              Meriden, CT 06450
FOR SALE: Check List for U.S. and Canadian tokens, 21 sheets 8½x11, can be cut in
half if desired to fit standard 5\frac{1}{2}x8\frac{1}{2} binder. Price $1.25 postpaid 3rd class mail:
$1.50 postpaid first class mail. Also Mass 998 B for $2.50; NY 945 A $2.50.
                - 225-30 106th Avenue - Jamaica, NY 11429
Raiph A. Hinde
ONE GOOD ONE! South Dakota 260 A Deadwood-Lead City. This was a steam interurban
line. Best cash offer. = Neil Sowards - 548 Home Ave. - Ft. Wayne, IN 46807
TRADE MISSOURI 200 D, 350 C, 350 D, for saloon tokens or C.W. store cards. Also G/f
advertising pocket mirrors.
                                 3547 Utah St.
Charles Littlefield
FOR SALE: Ark 720 B (2 vars.) 75¢ each. Ark 720 C 30¢; La 490 A 35¢; Ky 10 H 30¢,
10 K 50¢, 10 P 25¢; Tenn 375 E 30¢. +SAE on all.
                                                              Pine Bluff, AR 71601
                                 Box 8405
T.H. Robinson
PA. CELLULOIDS for sale: Pa 495 G $2.50; 495 H $5.00, or trade for silver dols. or
type coins. = B. Yagodich - 316 Chandler Ave. -
                                                               Johnstown, PA 15906
TRADE PQ 999 A for my wants, also have personal token 1325 A for trade.
Richard P. Parker - 6148 Edsall Rd. #304
                                                              Alexandria, VA 22304
WANTED: PA 315 A and other better Pa. tokens. If you have any for sale please write:
                                                                Fenelton, PA 16034
                                    Box 9
Charles McKee
FOR SALE: Nebr 305 A B at 20¢ each: RI 520 J $1.25, 700 F 40¢, 700 G 25¢, all +SAE.
New plastic personal token for yours, or for the asking +SAE.
                    - 143 Harrison Ave.
                                                                 Warwick, RI 02888
H.J. Turgeon
WILL PAY 8 TIMES CATALOG or will trade for: NM 430 B, D; 760 B C.
                             106 West Rocky Creek
                                                                 Houston, TX 77022
Harry L. Strough
WANTED: MASS 630 A, 505 B, 210 B, 760 E; Vt 60 A B; Me 710 B; RI 520 F I.
                               30 Hecla St. - Boston, MA 02122
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Box 327

Dan Rusnak

Sparks, NV 89431

- 1382 JERE E. LEFEVER 108-B ARMSTRONG DRIVE SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99204
 Age 32; Electrician. Collects U.S., Canada, Foreign, Pkg. (Coffee)
- 1383 JAKE LICHTANSKI BOX 171 SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93102 Age 22; Student. Collects U.S., Canada. (Coffee)
- 1384 GARY A. PIPHER 92 BAKER STREET JOHNSON CITY, NEW YORK 13790 Age 18; Student. Collects U.S., Parking. (Coffee)
- 1385 PATSY-RUTH HUFFMAN 2507 DAWES STREET RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA 95670 Age 46; Collects U.S. (Rider)
- 1386 WILLIAM É. FRIESE 9334 CROMWELL DRIVE PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15237 Age 57; Insurance Underwriter. Collects U.S. only. (Coffee)

ADMITTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP: L-128 Roy Carpenter.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS (* indicates contribution to Address Plate Fund)

- Ray D. Appelgate Lock Box #78 Taconic, Connecticut 06079
- * John C. Biedenbach 5017 Argonne Blvd. Trenton, Michigan 48183
- Robert C. Bowler 2711 Arlington Drive #302 Alexandria, Virginia 22306
- * Robert Gaarder 4710 Rusina Rd. #203 Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907 David Holder - 2514 Washington - Lincoln, Nebraska 68502
- * * Brandon C. Martin 7101 Fernwood St., Apt. 2723 Richmond, Virginia 23228
- * * Robert I. Oliphant 317 Jeannette Place Mundelein, Illinois 60060

= DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES =

The following 1972 members had failed to pay their 1973 AVA dues as of April 10, and so they have been dropped from membership until such time as they pay their dues. If any present member knows any of these people, he will do us and them a favor to drop them a line and tell them we miss them and would like to have them back with us.

Abell, Album, Alexander, A. Anderson, W. Austin, Babbitz, A. Baker, Bamford, Barth, Becker, Belleville, C. Benson, Bland, James Brown, J. Burns, C. Christiansen, R. Clifton, Coad, E. Cummings, Cupler, DeSantis, Edell, Edkins, A. Erickson, A. Ericson, Ferraro, Fleet, D. Foote, Fryer, Galloway, Gilbert, G. Gould, R. Hall, Haney, Hansen, J. Harrington, R. Hickman, Hoch of Massachusetts, Hope, House, Ingalls, Ingram, Jordan, M. Jorgensen, B. Kaplan, Kastner, Klugman, Koskie, A. Krauss, Krumrei, Lerch, Magee, Manning, Manville, Marquand, W. McKienzie, B. McLean, Medley, Midwest V.A., Millard, Moe, Nevin, Nickell, NEVA, Odesser, O'Hara, R.E. Olson, B. O'Neill, Orendi, J. Randall, Raws, Reidling, R. Rice, Ringer, Roy, Rulau, F. Schmidt, Schnabel, W. Scott, J. Shaffer, J.R. Smith, S.G. Smith, Sobotta, Soos, Spear, Stayner, P.W. Stewart, Stralko, R. Sutton, D. Townsend, D. Turner, G. Vogel, M. Walsh, R. Walter, D. Watson, B. Weisburgh, R. Weiss, S.J. White, Wietrick. G. Williams, H. Williams, Winch, Wischstadt, C. Woods.

Ralph Hinde asks me to remind members who asked for the listing of tokens in the Michael Rosenthal collection, that it was all or nothing. It was not an auction of individual pieces. He is also now out of copies of the listing.

Donald Mazeau informs us that he will be giving up his postoffice box in Clinton, CT. They are closing the lobby before he can get home from work, so he can only pick up mail on the weekends. Accordingly if you write Don, address the letter thus:

DONALD N. MAZEAU

9 SETTLERS LANE

CLINTON, CT 06413

As Don says, "Our Government wouldn't do this to me if it were not in my best interest."

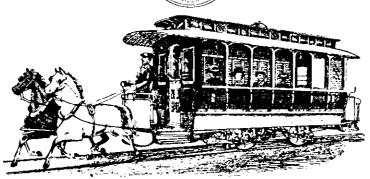
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Our 311th Issue

Sunday, May 27, at 2:30 pm. We have two more issues to publish before the Editor leaves at the end of June for Tacoma, Washington. This means only two weeks will separate this and each of the next two issues. So please rush your ads, stories, articles, etc., to the Editor. Remember that free ads in the mid-summer issue publish from Tacoma must be somewhat curtailed.

I have just received a brochure from the AVA Convention Hotel for the 1973 Annual Convention at Denver. It's a brand-new place, and plush and beautiful. Reservation cards are on the way to me from Denver, and will be included with the June issue. Rates at the hotel run \$18 to \$23 for singles; \$24 to \$30 for doubles. Collectors should double-up to save money. And it is really important for members to stay at the host hotel; we've promised them a minimum number of rooms, and on that basis have been promised our meeting rooms.

We have received the 1973 Membership Roster from Bob & Anna Butler. Each year it gets better, and this year's roster is a masterpiece. Really a beautiful job, and we all are indebted to Bob & Anna for their fine work realized each year in our membership roster.

Stephen Album, America's leading authority of California Trade Checks and Islamic coins, writes that he has returned to California after a long trip abroad. 'I'm utterly discorganized," he writes, "and about to move into some sort of proper quarters in Berkeley or North Oakland, and I have to get me some wheels." He apologizes to correspondents whom he has not answered, and promises to reply to all his mail as soon as he can get to it.

After publishing my book on Real Estate Tokens, and still being in the mood, I typed up a 1973 Supplement to the Atwood Catalogue. I got the idea because I hadn't kept my own catalogue up to date, and had to work up something for my own use. It occurred to me that I may as well prepare an inexpensive booklet and make it available to the AVA membership. I know that lots of members, especially those who have joined since 1971, will find this supplement of great benefit. Information on ordering it in advance is inside this issue.

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= THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN =

Upon being elevated to the presidency nearly two years ago in Seattle, one of the new programs I introduced was the Tribute Fund, mentioned in last month's Fare Box. The Fund has moved along reasonably well, and we now have nearly \$125 accumulated. Let me help matters along by restating, especially for our newer members, the plan and its purpose.

In this project, AVA members who wish to honor any other member, living or deceased, can make small cash contributions to the special account. It would be in addition to (or even instead of) sending your usual get-well and sympathy cards or possible messages of congratulations.

Your contributions can be mailed in at any time and in any amount. They should go directly to the treasurer, and he is the only person ever to know the actual amount of your donation. The treasurer acknowledges each contribution with a nicely printed folder, mailed either to your honoree or his family in the case of a deceased member.

Not a penny of these funds will ever go to any individual, nor will any expenses ever be deducted from them. Instead, the accumulated amounts will be disbursed only by order of the Executive Board, on some AVA educational endeavor still to be selected. This way we can perpetuate the esteem and memories of one member for another, and at the same time reduce the price to vecturists on one or more publications in the future.

Please keep the tribute fund in mind and remember to make small contributions as occasions arise. Your generosity will bring warmth to all, and certainly to yourself!

= CALIFORNIA TOKEN COLLECTORS MEET =

Fifteen members and two guests met at the home of our secretary for the 3rd meeting of 1973. As is the custom there was much trading and selling which enabled everyone to go home happy. Robert Ritterband was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of devoted work to the promotion of token collecting. Believe it or not, for once Bob was at a loss for words—we feel a genuine surprise was pulled off.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are as follows: July 15 at the home of the F.G. Smiths - 6 Bahia Lane, Mission View West - Oceanside, Calif., from 2 to 4 pm. September 16 at Travel Town, Griffith Park from Noon to 4 pm. This will be our Annual Picnic. Then on November 18 at the home of Bob Ritterband - 6576 Colgate Ave. - Los Angeles, from 2 to 4 pm.

We hope that some of you AVA members visiting Southern California this year, as well as our local members, will be able to attend these meetings. The welcome mat is always out.

- R.B. Carter

= DELAWARE VALLEY VECTURISTS =

The Delaware Valley Vecturist Association held their meeting on Sunday, April 8, at Joe Pernicano's office in Fort Washington, Pa. Attending were Joe Pernicano, Al Zaika, Dan DiMichael, Len Paul, and Dick Moore, our newest member of AVA, on his first visit. The usual token business was discussed and tokens, parking and transportation, were bought, sold and exchanged. Joe activated the office coffee-making machine which helped lubricate tonsils and keep conversations rolling along.

The next DVVA meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3, at the same stand. Joe's office is located in the Fort Washington Industrial Park.

- Leonard H. Paul

= REINSTATEMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP =

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- 526 EDKINS, Donald O. 9 Cameron Drive Newport News, VA 23606
- 1223 HARRINGTON, John J. 36 Oakview Ave. Maplewood, NJ 07040
- 392 HOCH, Aifred D. 61 Park Drive, Suite 22 Boston, MA 02215
- 522 HOPE, Lee 300 South Parker Drive Evansville, IN 47714
- 78 JORDAN, A.D. P.O. Box 92 Flourtown, PA 19031
- 825 MANNING, James J. 3740 Greenbrier Road Long Beach, CA 90808
- 740 MILLARD, James M. 4004 S.E. 170th Ave. Portland. OR 97236
- 822 REIDLING, Henry C. 8847 Liptonshire Drive Dallas, TX 75238
- 407 ROY, J.H. 10201 Christophe Colomb Montreal 359, Quebec
- 1054 SOOS, Francis W. 110 Clovermaid Ave. Poland, OH 44514
- 1150 WEISS, Rudolf 4169 Chase St. Denver, CO 80212
- 1058 WHITE, Sidney J. 4760 So. Jason Street Englewood, CO 80110
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- 970 WILLIAMS, Glen E. 504 East 10th St. Fond du Lac, WI 54935
- 1200 WINCH, Richard G. 51 Grant Drive Northford, CT 06472
- 1186 WISCHSTADT, C.E. 752 Elder Ave. Chula Vista, CA 92010

The above, all late dues or mistakes on our part, should be added to the 1973 Membership Roster. Last month's list of Dropped For Non-Payment of Dues should include L.R. White, not S.J. White. And the Smith who didn't pay was John R. Smith. Jack R. Smith (#810) has paid, long ago. Addresses given above are from the 1972 roster except in the case of Don Edkins, whose change of address I remembered. Any of the others with address changes I simply couldn't remember. All I received were names; no addresses. I hope these addresses are correct. If not, you may at least rest assured that your Fare Box Address Plate reflects the latest address that you have sent to the Editor.

= ORDERS BEING TAKEN FOR 1973 ATWOOD CATALOGUE SUPPLEMENT =

A forty-page printed booklet with cardboard cover, size 6x9, listing every token issued or discovered between January 1970 and May 1973, will be ready for distribution in about a month. This booklet will bring your Atwood Catalogue 3rd Edition up to date as of this issue of THE FARE BOX. The copy was sent to the printer last week, and with luck they will be mailed out by June 25. If not, they will be mailed from the Editor's Tacoma address about the middle of July. This is a low-budget job, with no pictures or histories, but the issue of THE FARE BOX in which each token was reported is included with each listing. The states follow directly after each other; there is no page separation for states, because such a book would have run to nearly 100 pages and proved far more costly than this one. Next year we shall publish an elaborate cloth-bound book supplement with lots of new photographs and historical data. We didn't have time to prepare such a book this year, but I knew most collectors definitely needed a supplement to update their Atwood Catalogues.

This supplement will sell for at least \$1.50 after publication date (probably June 25). However, members should place their orders now, in advance, because the price until June 25 will be only one dollar postpaid. Send your \$1 directly to the Editor of THE FARE BOX. You may order as many copies as you wish at this price prior to June 25. Only 500 copies are being printed, and unsold copies after June 25 will probably be wholesaled to dealers. So this may be your only chance to purchase a fine printed Catalogue Supplement bringing your Atwood up to date. Three and a half years of new issues and discoveries!

Richard Parker reports that Washington (D.C.) Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has ordered 4,000,000 new tokens from Meyer & Wenthe of Chicago. Cost of the four million tokens will be \$137,800.

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B 22 Sd

= PRICES REALIZED AT ED DENCE'S APRIL MAIL AUCTION =

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CA	25 A	\$4.10	KS.	40 D\$3.5	YN 0	630	AL	25.00			AT	
CA	105 A	4.10	KS	640 D25.3	YM 0	695	Α	9.25			AU	- •
CA	535 A	10.25	KY	45 Aa 9.0	2 NY	780	В	10.50			A	-
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CA	775 D	9.10	MD	60 K 4.0	HO C	10	M	2.00			В	
DE	900 B	10.00	MD	60 1 4.0	O OH	165	Q	6.25	TN	375	C	6.57
IL	220 E	8.20	MD	60 N 6.0	O PA	165	C	5.25	TN	375	D	4.50
ΙL	220 F	8.20	ΜI	470 A 4.0	O PA	320	A	3.25	ΤX	30	C	37.50
IL	795 D	5.10	MI	605 N17.2	O PA	470	Α	7.00	WA	780	U	6.00
IL	795 F	8.50	MO	910 A21.5	O PA	526	IA	6.00	WΑ	840	A	12.42
IA	150 A	14.00	NY	235 B 5.0			H					
IN	650 B	3.50	NY	630 La10.0			L					
IN	750 A	10.35	NY	630 Q 5.0	O PA	750	Z	5.55	WI	510	D	7.00

= NEW FINDS =

At last we have learned of the discovery of some rare tokens by our members. Rich Marzian of Louisville reports finding some rarities recently. He picked up Ind 490 A, which would be the second or third one known. Then from a local coin dealer he bought the very rare Ky 510 M, the "For Transfer Only" token of the Louisville City Railway. Finally, from a dealer's junk box, he got an unlisted maverick—a token exactly like Unidentified #25,26,27, but his token has the number "29" on both sides. I am beginning to think these tokens may be from Louisville.

In his letter, Mr. Marzian adds that Louisville Transit Co. has given the City notice that it will relinquish its franchise in September 1974. A transit authority has been appointed to study what might happen after that. He concludes with some nice words for THE FARE BOX: "This is the grestest hobby publication in the country." We always like to hear things like that!

We've also learned that Joel Reznick has picked up the very rare Pa 515 A, and that Jack Smith has picked up one of the Atlanta, Ga., celluloids.

If you have picked up a rare census token lately, please write and share the news of your good fortune with us—the better to inspire us to greater efforts.

Incidentally, Charles Littlefield reports a combination of good & bad news. He picked up a beautiful unlisted depotel, but it has been mutilated hideously—it was cut down to 19mm size, probably by some cretin who wanted to slip it into a candy machine that took a penny. The token probably was about 23mm originally, but we won't know for sure till someone finds a decent example of it. Description of the token, all of whose wording is intact, is as follows:

EDDINGTON TRANSFER CO. SEDALIA MO.
Good For One Bus Ride Hotel to Depot

= NEW PARKING TOKEN FROM DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS =

Donald Punshon reports a new parking token. They were struck by Brandt, Inc., of Watertown, Wis., and are good for 5¢ worth of parking in any Des Plaines parking meter. They are sold at banks and at City Hall, and are also given away by some merchants to their customers. Tokens must be purchased in rolls of 40 for \$1.75. The token is described thus:

CITY OF DES PLAINES
Good Only in Parking Meters

The following is the combination mail and floor auction for our Convention for 1973. Any reasonable bid will be accepted. Please bid by lot number, and not by token description. Mail bids will be accepted until <u>July 16, 1973</u>, so get your bids to me before that date. Mail all bids to:

W.E. DAVIS, AUC	CTION CHAIRMAN		P.O. B	OX 202	-	LITTLETON, CO 80120
1 AL ECO V 1				1405		1475 414 40 0
1 AL 560 Y	51 GA 360 B	75	IL 460		MI 775 A 775 B	175 NM 40 C
2 570 C	52 630 B	76	475 A		845 H	176 430 C
3 750 B	53 690 A	77	600 F			177 NY 25 C
4 750 G	54 HI 240 A	7 8	IN 20 E		845 N 935 C	178 35 D
5 AK 50 C	55 240 E	79	500 A		MN 210 B	179 105 H
6 190 A 7 300 E	56 330 B	80	500 A	3		180 210 A
j.	57 ID 100 G	81	500 A	1	510 A	181 210 B
8 400 C	58 640 B	82	520 A		540 CI	
9 450 L	59 to 64 are	83	960 A		600 B	183 235 B
10 AZ 640 E	so-called dol-	84	960 8		620 A	184 360 C
11 840 C	lars.	85	980		620 B	185 360 D
12 1000 B	59 HK 208	86	997 /		620 C	186 410 B
13 1000 C	60 HK 258	87	997	1	730 B C D	187 410 C
14 AR 435 M	61 HK 291	88	997 (730 B	188 505 A
15 975 A	62 HK 302	89	997 [730 C	189 629 G
16 975 B	63 HK 305	90	998		730 D	190 629 H
17 CA 25 A	64 HK 430	91	998 1		760 C	191 630 U
18 105 A	65 Chi. Expo	92	IA 300 E		790 A	192 620 U
19 110 B	1873 Elgin	93	300		MS 350 A	193 630 W
20 395 H	Watch Co.	94	310 F	1	MO 130 C	194 630 ABa
21 450 C	28mm alum	95	730 [140 B	195 631 D
22 450 K	66 Cincinn.	96	730 [230 B	
23 575 E	Ind. Expo	97	KS 150 (370 D	197 631 J
24 760 J	1873 28mm	98	480 (370 I J K	1
25 775 C	bronze	99	820 <i>F</i>		420 B	1
26 CO 140 C	67 Col. Expo	100	820 [I	440 G	
27 140 J	Grover	101	820 (440 G	
28 260 L	Clevel.	102	820 l	1	910 H	
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30 260 P	68 Festival	104	KY 10 F			4 — - ·
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32 300 F	Plains	106	150 8	1		
33 300 G	1897 32mm	107	510			
34 460 C D E	star-	108	510			1
35 460 C	shaped	109	510 [NE 120 C	
36 540 D	bimetal	110	MD 60 /			
37 540 D	69 St. Paul	111	60 /		305 A B C 440 E	D211 875 W
38 600 A	winter	112	MA 145			212 905 D 213 905 F
39 640 B	carnival	113	550 /			
40 760 C	1886 ice	114	550	1		· ·
41 860 C	palace	115	MI 65	i .	_	
42 CT 345 A	30mm alum	116	80 .			
43 345 A	70 US Grant	117	265 ·			
44 550 A	comm.	118	37 5			Masonic pennies
45 DE 900 A	1822 - 85	119	470 560			, 1
46 FL 380 D	62mm alum	120	560	` 1		Conn. 1 218 Wash. Royal
47 380 E	71 IL 100 A	121	585 605			A Arch Chap.
48 860 A	72 130 D	122	605 605			
49 860 A	73 150 AE	123				~ 1 T ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '
50 GA 360 A	74 150 AF	124	4 vars630	D 111,	7 901	G Mich.

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220 Sher., Wyo	261	PA 400 B	321 WA 780 T	338 Democrat	378 Que 620 AD
221 #730 Schen.	262	400 C	322 -840 C	dollar 1936 In	379 745 1
N.Y.	263	400 D	323 840 F	This God We	380 970 A
222 thru 228	264	425 B	324 860 A	Trusted 30mm	
are encased	265	445 °C	325 920 D	30mm alum.	381 to 417 are all
pennies	266	490 A	326 to 343 are	339 NY Chauffeur	Australia
222 Golden	267	495 G	trade tokens &	Lic. 1925	381 20 F #2
Eagle Store	268	495 G	miscellaneous	1 - 10 - 2 - 11. 0	382 480 FM
Denver 1935	269	495 G	326 Esau, Ark.	campment. 1905	383 480 FQ
223 Luby Chev-	270	495 G	Founche River	Denver 70mm Bz.	384 480 FR
rolet Denver	271 272	495 G 495 H	Lbr 38mm bi-	341 Laurel Line	385 480 FU
1948 plas. 224 York Colfax	273	495 H	metal g/f \$1	Trans. Co.	386 480 FV 387 480 GX
Denver 1931	274	495 J	327 Climax, Co. Fremont	1	388 480 GZ
225 MacCart-	235	495 J	Trading 20mm	7 cardboard	389 480 HE
ney's Law-	276	515 B	brass g/f 5¢	342 Am. Sight-	390 720 KC
rence Mass.	277	575 C	328 Denver Men-	seeing Car & Coach Co. Denve	
1908	278	575 D	ter clothing	Coach cardboard	392 720 KG
226 Pan Amer-	279	605 Ba	32mm brass	343 Wash. State	393 720 KI
ican Expo.	280	605 G	g/f \$1	Ferries 10-day	394 720 KK
Buffalo NY	281	645 A	329 Denver NCO	Comm. Card 1972	395 720 KM
1901	282	660 A	Club Lowry	cardboard	396 720 KO
227 Herren Bros	283	675 C	Field 24mm		397 720 KQ
Pittsburg	284	6 7 5 D	alum g.f 10¢	344 WV 200 C	398 720 KS
1901	285	750 G	330 Denver T.J.	345 590 A	399 7 20 KU
228 Cheeseman	286	750 L	O'Hara 20mm	346 590 B	400 720 KW
Auto Salt Lake	287	750 W	bronze oct.	347 640 A	401 720 KY
1912 - D	288	750 Z	g/f 5¢	348 640 A	402 720 LC
229 NC 980 C	289	750 Z	331 like 330	(50 pieces)	403 720 LG
230 980 H	290	750 AT	Bz 26 Sd	349 WI 70 B	404 720 LT
231 980 H	291	765 K	g/f 25¢	350 410 K	405 720 LK
232 980 I	292	765 P	332 Denver	351 440 E	406 720 LM
233 OH 10 M	29 3 194	765 O 860 A	Rudolph	352 WY 120 B	407 720 LO
234 10 N 235 15 B	295	870 A	Roesch	353 DC 500 A1	408 720 LQ 409 720 LS
236 165 AE	296	985 C	B 24 Sd	354 500 AJ	410 720 LU
237 165 AF	297	985 D	g/f 2½¢ 333 New Con-	355 PI 500 B	411 720 LW
238 175 Z	298	997 T	cord Ky. J.O.	356 700 H S	412 720 LY
239 175 AA	299	997 U	Rowlett 24mm	358 PR 640 A	413 720 MA
240 435 A	300	997 V	bi-metal	359 640 C	414 . 720 MC
241 475 D #26	301	997 W	g/f \$2.50	360 640 D	415 720 ME
242 OK 640 G	302	RI 700 D	334 Bay City	361 to 380 are	416 . 720 MG
243 860 1	303	SD 680 A	Mich. KofC	Canadian	417 720 MI
244 OR 20 E	304	680 B	Club 28mm	361 B.C. 450 A	
245 240 B	305	TN 600 K	alum 25⊄	362 450 B	418 Iran 750 J
246 240 C	306	690 E	335 Grand Is.	363 650 A	419 is a Johnson
247 800 D	307	TX 30 D	Neb. Bruns-	364 700 B	Fare Box in good
248 PA 10 B	308	445 L	wick Billiard	365 N.S. 200 A	working order but
249 15 C	309	UT 400 C	22mm bronze	366 Ont. 200 A	
250 15 L	310	525 C	sq. 10¢	367 675 F	minimum bid.
251 70 A	311	750 N VA 20 C	336 Charles-	368 675 G	420 Java 300 J
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255 150 B	315	600 D	27mm bz.	371 345 K	GOOD LUCK.
256 150 B	316	600 F	1846.	373 345 M	COOD LOOK
257 190 B	317	620 A	337 Emery	374 345 N	REMEMBER THE
258 . 195 A	318	620 B	SD Nick	375 345 O	DEADLINE IS
259 195 C	319	WA 710 A	Karpen 20mm	376 345 P	JULY 16, 1973.
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= MAY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Raiph Freiberg

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This month we have a couple more of those miscellaneous tokens for a cab operating in Oakland. Next a couple tokens for St. Petersburg. These were reported to Mr. Coffee by Robert Clark. Why the brass one was issued I don't know, but I imagine that with the price of metal going up, they decided to save money by ordering brass instead of bronze. As for the wooden dollar, or whatever you call it, I don't know if any of them could be obtained except maybe through Mr. Clark. We never had too much luck getting tokens from this outfit so we didn't make any effort to get them. Mr. Clark in his letter to John Coffee mentioned that the wooden item was used November 4, 1972. The token was obtained after paying a reduced rate 10¢ fare to encourage use of the Mall-Pier buses. The driver then reached into a special cloth bag and handed the passenger the wooden token which could be used for the fare on the next trip. These tokens were issued in celebration of the opening of the new St. Petersburg downtown mall.

Tom Wall obtained the Hillsboro depotel from a person living near Hillsboro, and says the token is not for sale. He wants to keep it. It is similar to the type of IL 415 A, pictured on page 160 of Atwood.

Bill Flood says he got the Ottawa, Kans., token from a person living in that town, and that in the early 1920's there was a Brown & Gray Cab Co., which operated for 2 or 3 years. The cabs were brown & gray in color.

The new Glen Burnie wooden item differs from the previous one issued in that it doesn't have the name of the treasurer on it. Bob Kelley states he received this token originally from Senator Pascal, so we must list it.

With respect to what is and is not listed in our Atwood Catalogue: I suppose we'll never satisfy everybody. But for those who don't like what we do list, all I can say is that no one has to collect everything that is listed. If you get a token sent you by the New Issues Service or anybody else, and you don't want to collect it, just return it. But do bear in mind that someone else may want to collect it.

Last April we listed a token for the Minnesota Transportation Museum. When Minn 540 AH was ordered there was a misunderstanding about the size of the token. It was not known at the time that the streetcar would also have a fare box that wouldn't take or register 23mm tokens. There have been various operators on this car. Possibly some of them may not accept the 23mm token, but then again there could be others that would take them, and then insert one of the smaller tokens (AI) in the fare box. Anyway there were 5,000 of the 17mm ones struck. The outfit that made these tokens does not make a token just under 16.48mm, and so these tokens measure 16.55mm. So we call them 17mm. Since the smaller token was put in use in October, 1972, some of the 23mm ones have been sold as souvenirs. That makes some want it taken out of the catalogue. But then again, making 5000 of the 17mm ones at a cost of less than 5¢ apiece, I guess no one cares if anyone buys extras and takes them home as souvenirs. Far as I'm concerned both tokens should be listed, but it's up to the individual to collect what he wants.

The tokens in Miscellaneous Group 31 are interesting and some of them may well have been issued by some bus line somewhere. We find more of them from time to time.

There was a mix-up because Mr. Coffee issued two Fare Boxes at once, so we did not get the April Supplement published in the April issue. The above Supplement is really the April one, except for the Wisconsin tokens, which would have been the old May Supplement. The N.I.S. already sent out its tokens listed in the April supplement, and will now send out a May selection, consisting of these Wisconsin tokens. The price of the rides was one hour adults, \$1.50. Two hour adults, \$2.50. One hour children, 75¢, 2-hour children, \$1.25. This is what the catalogue price of the tokens ordinarily would have been. However as the tokens became obsolete with the end of the 1972 season we were able to get them at a reduced price. The price of 35¢ represents only the cost of making the tokens. The New Issues Service then adds its service charge & postage, of course. And if anyone doesn't want them, by all means send them back to Nick. We held up the listing so we could get them cheaper, and as an experiment to see how this idea works—of waiting till a season is over. The man who owns the Indian Boat Ride, after experimenting with the tokens for one

season, he decided to go back to using tickets, because people would lose the tokens when it came time to collect the fares on the boats. Usually the tokens or tickets for rides like this are sold an hour or two in advance.

There are a number of firms in the token-making business. Another token-making firm has come across someone who wants a token made for a "raft ride" which would be worth a \$5.00 fare. Of course anyone can make up any tokens he wants and say they are worth any kind of fare he wants, including fares up to \$25 or \$100 each. The question is, do collectors want to buy tokens at prices like that? In such cases, we'll wait till the tokens are obsolete, then buy 'em at low prices.

In the last few months I have stressed the fact that some companies have been taken over by various transit authorities, and it isn't known what will happen to tokens they come into possession of, used by former companies. I would like to show what just could happen: On September 30, 1947, Chicago Transit Authority acquired Chicago Surface Lines and Rapid Transit Lines. They stopped redemption of all Surface Line tokens purchased before that date. In early 1949, CTA ordered 10 million tokens which were stored in vaults until they decided to use them. As no one had seen any of these till they were put on sale some 14 months later, they weren't listed till the August 1950 Fare Box. Since then, these CTA 16mm tokens have been put on sale, then become obsolete, and last word I had was that they are in use again.

In June, 1952, I overlooked the fact that tokens would be placed back in use on elevated lines and in turnstiles. As they had decided to use a 23mm token again, and tokens couldn't be made in time for the June 1 date, they brought out the old Rapid Transit Line tokens as the new 23mm tokens wouldn't be delivered till sometime in July, 1952. I mention this because there could always be a month or so before new tokens can be obtained, and during that interim old tokens might be brought out of vaults, as was the case here in Chicago.

In the Atwood Catalogue I had the first day of issue wrong on the 23mm tokens. It should have been (* 7/52-1957) instead of the dates listed. Again, these 23mm tokens became obsolete in 1954. Then in July 1957 they decided to use a 20mm token, and again it would be a couple months before they got them. So in the interim the 23mm tokens were brought out and sold as 2-1/2¢ tokens to be used along with a dime, till the 20mm ones arrived, in Sept. 1957.

So for the present the 23mm tokens are stored away and I don't know if they'll ever be used again, but who knows? So...many of these transit authorities might claim the old tokens won't be used again, but they might still be put into use as an interim measure till new tokens are struck. I'm trying to keep a file on all these new transit authorities, and if they will use any of the tokens of former companies, but this will require the help of collectors all over the country.

Along this same line of new transit authorities taking over, so far I don't know of any such authority in Connecticut. On October 16, 1972, C R & L Lines went on strike, and gave up their franchise. As far as I know some of the cities the company serviced haven't had bus service since. My note says C R & L suspended service in New Britain, Waterbury, Bridgeport, and 16 smaller towns. C R & L had also acquired Cooke Street Lines of Waterbury on October 1, 1969. So I can only figure the former tokens of this firm will be obsolete, but what actually will happen to them I don't know. Also in the same state, Connecticut Company went on strike November 25, 1972, and the strike lasted till March 27, 1973. Connecticut Company serves Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, and 42 outlying towns. As operations of these two large firms were in various towns or cities there are problems in setting up transit districts, as to which city would be responsible for things.

Also in the same line I received from C. Runyon a clipping about Aurora, Elgin Bus Line (Ill 270 C) going out of business in March 1973. This line operated thru several small cities, the problem was which city would pay subsidies. So the line just folded.

I have reports of a couple new tokens from Tucson, and hope to get them by next month. Another case of where the present company was unable to get tokens in time, so some tokens of other lines were brought into use in the interim. The N.I.S. will get these Tucson tokens sooner or later so don't get impatient.

I stated last month that I would mention some firms that issued tokens which were never placed in use. NY 785 B was one. They wouldn't fit the fare box, so they had to use NY 785 C & D instead. We also had a couple from Rome, N.Y. Possibly NY

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790 D was also a token never placed in use, but a supply of them was obtained somewhere else. I never did learn the true story. Also I have a note under NY 790 E for tokens not yet placed in use. After the Catalogue went to press, a letter arrived from a collector who said they went into use in October, 1969.

The problem of transit authorities disposing of old tokens used by companies they have taken over, goes to the ultimate disposition of the tokens. In other words sometimes tokens "sold as junk" are presumed to be melted down by the transit authorities, but actually the tokens are resold by the junk dealer, and they end up being offered to collectors at very low prices, like a nickel apiece. For this reason it is always foolish for a collector to buy a large quantity of any token. Every at 5¢ it's a waste of money because once 500 of them are owned by collectors, the market is dried up.

There is another situation: token manufacturers who go out of business and sell their old token dies. The A.V.A. has purchased quite a large quantity of these dies just to keep them from getting into the wrong hands. Several honest AVA members also owns some transportation token dies. But there is always the possibility that these dies will get into the wrong hands, and someone will strike off tokens with them. I believe this has already happened in a few cases of fairly common tokens. For instance, Pa 425 C has been showing up all over the place in brass. Some collectors have bought this thing and then demanded that I list it. But I am certain it is a modern-made restrike and I have no intention of listing it without proof that it was actually ordered by the company listed on the token.

I also have a report of a token from Frank Kelley of Harbor, Ore., of a token like Mass 550 F, but in steel. It just doesn't sound right to me. This token dates from the 1920's. They didn't use steel till World War II for transportation tokens. So I'm holding up this listing, too. In any case it would only be a pattern.

= MAY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

Again this month we are fortunate to have some nice tokens to send to all members of the New Issues Service, both Regular and Associate. First you will receive Minn 540 Al, thanks to Russell Olsen of the Museum for making these available to us. Next you will receive Fla 880 I, which is like 880 H but in brass. Our thanks to Robert Clark of St. Petersburg for obtaining these for us. Unfortunately we don't have enough to send all members both varieties. Third and fourth, two more miscellaneous tokens from Mike's D Moon Cab Co., here in Oakland: CA 1000 K & L.

Foreign tokens listed in the March FB have already been sent to those who collect foreign, and should be in your possession. Our thanks to Ken Smith for these.

This is the time of year when we ask those planning to attend the AVA Convention in Denver, to advise me if you will be wanting the Convention Tour Token. You will automatically get one if you go to the Convention, of course. If you do not want to receive one thru N.I.S., be sure to let me know.

Also this month we advance Mr. Ore Vacketta from Associate status to Regular, and from Waiting List to Associate, Mr. Frank Catarina. Welcome aboard, gentlemen.

= THE 23mm TOKENS OF LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY =

We have two 23mm tokens listed for Lexington: Ky 480 R and S, and differentiating between them has caused collectors more headaches than any other pair of tokens. The reason for this is simple: we have a unique type of bus on 480 R, which resembles a Type #3 bus, and which is called a #3 bus in the photos on page 32 of Atwood. But actually this bus (bottom of the 3 pictures on page 32) has a center door, so it is really a #2 type bus. This photograph is of the reverse of Ky 480 R. The token comes both with & without diamonds (photo on page 32 is the "with diamonds" variety). The type bus on Ky 480 S is just like that in the two top photos on page 32. No center door. Now you should be able to differentiate between common 480 R and scarce 480 S.

= MAY SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =
By Kenneth E. Smith

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AA C	30 Sđ	Concessionary of Fare (blue)(Vars.)	.40
Derby	240	DEDDA GODDON STON ON STRUCT DESDE OF DESDATE OF	
AF B	23 Ch	DERBY CORPORATION OMNIBUS DEPT. 2p PREPAID 2p (blank) DERBY CORPORATION OMNIBUS DEPT. 3p PREPAID 3p	.20
AG B	25 Sq-s	se (blank)	•30
Fleetw	rood 290	FLEETWOOD CORPORATION BUS TOKEN 2p	
A AA	26 Sd The above	(same as obverse)(* 12/1/71) tokens will be distributed by Nicolosi's New Issues Service)	.20
		D RESTAURANT AND DINING CAR TOKENS) (Reported by F.J. Bingen) MITROPA 50 (ROSETTE)	
	4100 Oc Sd	(same as obv.)(24mm)(brass-coated)	•50
	Oc Sd	11 11	•50
	24 Sd	11	•50
		MITROPA 25 PF. PFANDMARKE	
G o A	25 Sd	25 Pf. MITROPA BERLIN 5,00	•50
НоА	25 Sd	(same as obverse) GROSSE BERLINER STRASSENBAHN BHF. 11 (BHF means PLATFORM)	•50
I o Z	1 77 (7.3	,	.50
JoZ	17 Sd 20 Sd	5 (5 also on obverse) 10 (10 "	.50
K o Z	20 Sd 24 Sd	50 (50 "	•50
LoZ:		100 (100 "	.50
10 21	21.ba	GROSSE BERLINER STRASSENBAHN 5 H.W	
M o Z	18 Sd	5 (H.W. means GENERAL WORKSHOP) BANHHOF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE. H. GIGLING	.50
NoB	21 Sd	10 (10pf on obverse)	•50
	21 Sd	10 (10 on obverse)	.50
PoZ	24 Sd	15 (15 on obverse)	•50
QoZ		50 (50 on obverse)	• 50
Kassel	4457	BUNDESBAHN-SOZIALWERK KASSEL (NUMBER)	
ВоА	23 Sd	20 Pfg. Flaschenpfand	.50
Münste	r 4685		
A o A	23 Sd	BUNDESBAHN-SOZIALWERK BV MÜNSTER (NUMBER) 20 Pfg. Flaschenpfand	•50
Spande	u 4840		
Proming	_ 1010	SPANDAUER STRASSENBAHN	
A o Z	19 Sd	Gut Für 1 Tasse Kaffe	•50

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

KENNETH E. SMITH

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FOR BEST OFFER: Ark 435 B; Ind 280 A; Ky 510 Q; NY 20 D, 555 A B; Pa 15 F, 150 B,
320 A, 495 G, 590 C, 750 Z. Timetable F.
                        8627 Crispin Drive
                                                          Philadelphia, PA 19136
MAIL BID: CA 575 Ab D; Pa 750 G W, 930 B; NY 505 A, 785 C. Send SAE with your bid if
you want Prices Realized. = George H. Wyatt = Skylark Lane - Lunenburg, MA 01462
WANTED: Ala 120 I, 220 A C D E F G J K, 240 B, 560 H I N T U V W X Z, 570 B, 610 A,
750 D E H J M, 800 D E, 820 A, 998 A B C; Alaska 300 C D, 450 B E J K M, 500 B, 900 B
Will buy or trade for my duplicates.
              - 10201 Christophe Colomb
                                                             Montreal 359, Quebec
WANTED: NY 280 B C; Mass 210 B, 630 A.
                                30 Hecla St.
                                                                 Boston, MA 02122
TRADE: Need Pa 750 AC. Will trade Pa 750 AE and Pa 750 AT for it.
Larry Boster - 439 Sunnemead Ave. - Warminster, PA 18974
FOR SALE: Conn 290 C and F for $1.00 each. I have a limited supply of these obsol-
ete tokens. = Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, CT 06119
FOR TRADE: 28mm round copper token: "To Commemorate The Opening of the Sydney Rail-
way" 26th Sept. 1855. Rev: Hanks & Lloyd, Australia Tea Mart, Sydney. Best offer
in U.S. TT's. = T.H. Robinson - Box 8405 -
                                                             Pine Bluff, AR 71601
FOR SALE: Coto 860 C 75¢; ILL 760 L M N O P $1.50 per set; Ind 660 C 30¢; Neb 305 D
80¢. +SAE please. = H.J. Turgeon - 143 Harrison Ave. - Warwick, RI 02888
WANTED: Amusement Ride Manufacturers' Tokens: 100 B C, 101 C G H, 102 A. Also DC
500 A B E F G H I J L M N O W X AD AF AG AH AJ.
Joe Studebaker - 2614 Legare Street
                                                               Beaufort, SC 29902
100 DIFFERENT, better than common transp. tokens in 2x2's for $20.00. Bonus with
each order, 4 trade tokens. I still need Tex 275 A and will pay ten times catalogue.
                               222 Terlingua -
                                                              Portland, TX 78374
FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Mich 75 1; NY 230 1, 615 A; ND 960 A; Pa 25 D, 75 1,
375 A, 775 B, 870 A, 930 A B, 985 E. And token similar to DC 500 A but number 2;
also collection of 104 all diff. TT's.
                            32665 Lake Road
A. Hoch
                                                              Avon Lake, OH 44012
NEED ALL COMMON CALIF. TOKENS. Will buy large lots price right. FOR TRADE: 3 sets
Pa 675 B C D. Need Calif. tokens 895 series. Write for deal.
                          1236 N. Orange Dr.
                                                              Hollywood, CA 90038
WILL PAY TEN TIMES CAT. FOR ANY ONE OF THESE TOKENS IN FINE COND: Nebr 540 J; Wis
                                                               Seattle, WA 98101
360 B, Wis 510 B. = Clarence Heppner - 203 Jones Bldg. -
SCARCE ST. LOUIS PARKING TOKEN, Biederman's Home Furnishers. Trade for trade tokens,
salcon, beer, or Pa. TT's.
                           502 Carson Road
                                                               Ferguson, MO 63135
Ken Bassett
FOR SALE: HAWAII 240 E for $5.00 +SAE.
                          6641 Saroni Drive
FOR TRADE, OR WILL SELL TO HIGHEST PRICE IF NO TRADE: Fla 130 B, 380 U; IL 190 F;
Mass 305 C, 695 A; Neb 700 N; NY 10 C E; ND 320 C H I; SC 450 B; Wis 220 A B E G,
790 F H: Brazil 800 D.
Robert Kelley
                              6315 Parkview
                                                                  Mason, OH 45040
MARDI GRAS MEDALS: send 20 or more different TT's and receive an equal number of
different Mardi Gras medals. Most are $ size and XF-Unc.
                                Box 327
FOR SALE: Wis 510 M, $1 +SAE. Will also trade for TT's of equal cat. value I need.
Al Za<u>ika</u>
                           P.O. Box 65
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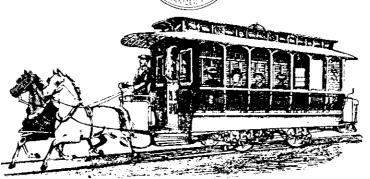
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The Editor has learned with sadness of the death of two former members. Art Krauss of Allentown, Pa., died on April 26 after a long illness. Before he died, he finished work on a catalogue of the plastic tokens of Pennsylvania. Pat Maffeo of New Haven, Conn., died on April 17. Pat was a coin dealer and a long-time member, and it was a delight to visit him in his shop.

This issue goes to press at 11 pm, June 14. The July issue will be mailed out no later than two weeks from now. So if you have anything for that issue please rush it to the Editor. Ads, as always, are welcome and free. Just write it on a postcard with name & address and send it along to me.

On July 1, the Editor heads west via Amtrak. I have my fingers crossed, and will tell you all what it was like in the August issue, which will be published from Tacoma about August 1. This year I'm taking the "Broadway Limited" and the "Super Chief," the latter being the only transcontinental train that ever operated in this country which I have never been on.

Enclosed with this issue is your reservation card for the AVA convention hotel. Note the deadline on the card, and please mail it promptly if you plan to attend our convention. The convention meets in Denver on August 10-12. If you plan to be there, you may register in advance for \$12.50 until July 15. After that the registration fee will be \$15. So send in your registration now to Syd Joseph - 870 So. Hudson St. - Denver, CO 80222. Incidentally, because of the high room rates, wise members going alone should think of doubling up with other members.

Response to my 1973 Supplement to the Atwood Catalogue was overwhelming. It was an understatement when I said that lots of collectors could use such a booklet. Because of the demand, I am increasing the print order from 500 to 1,000 copies. This 40-page 6x9 printed booklet lists all TT's issued or discovered from January 1970 thru May 1973. You may still send in your order. Only \$1 postpaid. They won't be ready before I leave, though. So they will be mailed from Tacoma about July 20. After June 30, price will be \$1.50 postpaid. I am also pleased to report that I have sold nearly every copy of my real estate token book. We printed 500, and only a handful left. Anyone who wants one may have it for \$1.75 postpd.

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In my message for January, an announcement was made of the new 25th Anniversary medals in pure silver, to be issued by authorization of our Executive Board as a non-profit venture. We were hoping for at least 100 orders, to justify the die costs for this handsome souvenir keepsake. We have made our quota, all right!

By the deadline of May 10, no less than 265 pieces had been subscribed by our membership. The medals are now being struck, in that exact quantity, and will be distributed first at Denver and then later in August by mail. Because of the good quantity, a refund on the purchase price is anticipated for every buyer, though it cannot be as large as we had first hoped. Like gold, silver bullion has also gone up greatly in price since the end of the year, and at this moment is running more than 40% above the December quotations. Time alone will tell what our final price must be.

The 265 medals were purchased by about 180 of our members, averaging practically one and a half pieces per buyer. To the best of my records I have now acknowledged every order, either in person or by form letter. If by any chance you sent in a request and do not have my acknowledgment, please write me immediately with full details. New orders are not acceptable now; only notify me if you already placed an order and did not receive any response.

And sincere thanks to all for their cooperation on this anniversary project.

- Robert M. Ritterband

President Robert Ritterband reports that on instructions from our Executive Board the 1973 dues payment from George F. Gould, AVA #222, has been declined by the Association treasurer. This unusual action was taken with deep regret and after long attempts to correct an ethical problem.

For more than a year Mr. Gould has owed a few trifling dollars to another member. He has refused to settle his account or even to respond to registered mail inquiries from the officers. Such conduct is not acceptable in any collectors' organization, no matter how small the debt nor how lengthy the membership.

= NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS =

A call was printed in the February FARE BOX for nominations of new officers for the 1973-75 term. By the April 30 deadline, only one member had been nominated for each office, as follows: President, SYD JOSEPH; Vice-President, JOEL REZNICK; Secretary, DONALD MAZEAU; Treasurer, TOBY FRISBEE. (The office of Curator becomes appointive this year, as the Editor position has always been, and the office of Immediate Past President strangely enough is automatic!) Acting under our by-laws, President Ritterband has declared these four officers duly elected, with installations to take place at the annual convention at Denver.

= JOE PERNICANO USES PULL TO GET RARE TOKEN =

AVA member Joe Pernicano, abandoning all hope of obtaining the rare GSA plastic tokens (DC 500 AG and AH) thru normal channels, wrote U.S. Senator Richard Schweiker seeking his assistance. The Senator then wrote GSA, and senators usually get listened, while the rest of us don't. Lo and behold, the Senator sent Joe one of the green tokens (but not the red one). The GSA told the Senator the tokens haven't been used for several years, and the only one they could find was a single green one.

Your Editor did the same thing some years back. My Congressman was able to send me both of them, red and green. Harold Ford followed my lead, and he also got both of them. His Congressman arranged to have the tokens arrive in Harold's mail box on election day, and Harold was, I am told, properly grateful at the polls that evening.

= DOLLAR DEVALUATION EFFECT ON WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKEN PRICES =
By Kenneth E. Smith

The effects of the series of dollar devaluations and the present floating of the U.S. dollar will probably have a small affect on the Atwood U.S. & Canada catalogue compared to the World Catalogue of Transportation Tokens. Whenever the U.S. dollar changed, the Canadian dollar was also changed about the same amount, so at the time I am writing this the U.S. & Canadian dollars are approximately equal. The affect on future foreign transportation token collecting will be considerable in future overseas token purchases.

At the time I issued the first edition of the world catalogue the U.S. dollar was all powerful and backed by gold. In this first edition the pricing was conservative as I didn't know what quantities or sacks of foreign tokens would show up. What has surprised me is that no unknown quantities or sacks of any obsolete foreign transportation tokens or passes have been reported to me, or offered for sale. On some countries this was expected as, when we tried after World War II, I got replies from Germany and Nazi-occupied countries that what they had in obsolete tokens used before World War II were melted down by the Nazis with typical German efficiency. Tokens not in use were melted. Only one token in the whole catalogue was discovered in a quantity sufficient to depress the price, and that was due to my picturing the token. This was Turkey 400 RA on page 233. A number of coin dealers & collectors had some of these tokens but not knowing what they were had not offered them for sale, and put them aisde. When they saw the pictures on page 233 they brought them out for sale and the price dropped to $35\mathfrak{c}$ to $50\mathfrak{c}$. But as they sold off the price has now climbed back to 75¢ to \$1, and gradually increasing, as no new quantities show up. All other tokens above 15¢ sell for catalogue price or higher.

During the recession of 1969-71 the collecting of foreign transportation tokens slowed down, but far less than the bulk of coin collecting activities, and the prices of foreign transportation tokens didn't go down, but advanced a little. During this recession bulk supplies of foreigns were not purchased overseas or brought to this country. Then in August 1971 came the first dollar devaluation.

In countries which did not devalue, the result was a sharp increase in the asking prices of even common foreign TT's, which result in few purchases overseas. Then came the last devaluation and the floating dollar, which has resulted in a sharp rise in asking prices overseas. Meanwhile the small supplies over here got dispersed to collectors. If you deal with dealers or transit companies overseas you will now find the following (at the time I write this):

In West Germany the mark, which was less than $25 \, ^\circ$ U.S. in 1967, is now $36 \, ^\circ$ U.S., but dealers and transit companies ask for $37 \, ^\circ$ because they have trouble changing U.S. money—sometimes they ask as much as $40 \, ^\circ$ per mark. This means that with respect to token buying the mark is worth $50 \, ^\circ$ more than it was 6 years, in terms of U.S. money. Or putting it the other way around, the U.S. dollar is worth only $65 \, ^\circ$ of what it was. This fact, plus the big boom in German notgeld collecting, and now with prosperity the Germans are collecting their coins and tokens...has all raised the prices on German TT's 20 to $100 \, ^\circ$. As the number of collectors of high priced material are few, the \$5 German token is now \$6, whereas at the other end of the scale the $25 \, ^\circ$ material is now $50 \, ^\circ$. Very few German TT's are common, and however common few are available at less than $50 \, ^\circ$.

In France because of the boom in French merchant tokens and French prosperity, the devaluation has had similar results. Prices in U.S. money are up 40% from six years ago, with average TT's up 20% to 100% in the same ranges as German tokens.

The Japanese yen is also up, but as there are no known Japanese TT's this does not affect us.

But the affect in other countries such as Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Switzerland, etc., will be to push future overseas token purchases up about 25%. Australia has had its dollar in 6 years go from \$1.12 U.S. to \$1.43 U.S., or 25%. At present I have some Australian ferry passes still available for sale at 1967 prices, but when they are exhausted future supplies from Australia will probably cost at least 25% more, and future catalogue prices will reflect this.

The exception to the rise in prices is England, Scotland, Wales, North Ireland.

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The British pound has been deflated the last few years even more than the U.S. dollar, although it looks as if the British deflation has finally stopped. The prices of British common tokens, in spite of the increase in demand, have stayed at about 1967 prices or slightly above. As for British tokens we have the famous British collector Don Capper, who has friends at some of the token manufacturers who tell him what companies are buying tokens and he writes these companies and gets them for Nicolosi's New Issues Service—new tokens even before they see circulation. This is why you are getting, in general, uncirculated beautiful condition British plastic tokens. If you get British tokens from Nick's service you will probably get far better condition tokens than if you wait and get them later from the company (if they will take U.S. money), as these plastic tokens get nicked quickly in circulation. These British manufacturers will not let anybody have, or buy samples overruns, etc., so the few samples Don Capper gets he has to get from the using company. In U.S. and Canada, we need collectors who have friends at token manufacturers such as Meyer & Wenthe, etc., who would tell us who is ordering new or replacement tokens.

As soon as financially feasible, without too great a money loss in publication of the divided catalogues, and stabilization of the U.S. dollar in relation to other currencies, we hope to get out updated foreign transportation token catalogues. Meanwhile a supplement will probably be issued. If the foreign catalogues were to be issued today less than 50% of the tokens would stay the same in price; over 50% would increase, and one token would decrease in price.

What I see is a steady but, I hope, not too fast a rise in prices of foreign TT's, influenced by these factors: (1) increasing prosperity in Europe resulting in increasing collecting of their tokens; (2) number of new foreign transportation token collectors here; (3) how far the U.S. dollar floats in the next few years (at time of writing, price of gold was \$80 per ounce); (4) general inflationary pressures in foreign countries and here. If we think our average 5 to 6% per year over the last several years is a problem, consider that several European countries have had double this rate over the same period. Twenty years ago you got a lot for the dollar in Europe; not you get a lot less.

The situation can be stated in a 2,000-year-old Latin phrase: "tempora mutantur nos et mutamur in illis," -- the times are changed and we are changed with them.

= EVERYTHING GOING GREAT FOR DENVER CONVENTION =

with the high cost of living spiraling all around us, we feel that we have put together a real bargain for the Denver Convention. For those who register for the convention EARLY can take advantage of the pre-registration package for \$12.50. For those who wait till after July 15, they'll get soaked: \$15.00--even though that is still a bargain. This includes the banquet, the ribbon, the tour token, and of course the tour itself.

I'm very disappointed about the small number of responses to the request for exhibits. Aren't the fellows proud of their collections? Surely those planning on attending can whip up something simple--and interesting! The displays are not restricted to transit tokens. Anything goes--except: no coins.

Along those lines, as a special service, I shall have my camera set up for those who have tokens they wish photographed—at my cost—copies of these photos will be turned in to our Curator, and in turn will be available to anyone who wishes to see what a particular token looks like.

For those planning on attending the Convention, and are going to take advantage of the special pre-registration price, please make check payable to DENVER TOKEN CLUB, and mail directly to me: Syd Joseph - 870 So. Hudson Street - Denver, CO 80222.

Regarding the old adage that no news is good news, let me emphasize that much, much effort is being expended by the Denver group to make the 25th Anniversary of the A.V.A. an event that will be remembered for a long, long time.

With that I'll close, wishing you all the very best of everything--have a happy day, everyday!

= THE GALATA BRIDGE TOKEN OF TURKEY = By Les Hawthorne

The following brief article appeared in the May 1973 issue of the British Numismatic publications Coins. The Turkish bridge token referred to in the article is Turkey (Istanbul) 400 RA, listed on page 233 of Smith's World Token Catalogue.

"The November 1972 issue of COINS illustrated a Turkish token in 'Quest and Query.' Whereas the article referred to the toll of the Galata ferry, it was in fact for the Galata bridge. The first bridge was built of wood in 1844 and was renewed, still in wood, in 1863. In 1870 the British built an iron bridge at an estimated cost of 95,000 Turkish gold lira, but as was usual, even in those days, the ultimate cost proved to be higher at 105,000 gold lira. The bridge was renewed by the Germans in 1912 at a cost of 230,000 gold lira and this is the bridge still in use today. The Arabic inscription (on the token) reads 'Sehir Emanet' which means 'City Corporation.' The British bridge was moved further up the Horn to where the Ataturk bridge now stands. The toll of the Galata Bridge was exacted from its opening date in 1844 and was withdrawn in 1926, so that the token, which was undated, could have been in use between those dates. The more heavily used Bosphorus ferries, in their crossing from Europe to Asia, also use tokens and it would be of interest to know if any reader could identify any of these various issues."

It is evident from this article that there are a number of Turkish ferry tokens that are still extant and unlisted. These tokens are either in current use or obsolete and it is possible that there may be members of AVA who unknowingly could have some of these tokens in their collections. It would be interesting to see who would be the first one to realize this and report them.

= A DAY AT A COIN SHOW = By Kenneth E. Smith

My son Kirk and I attended a coin and stamp show last weekend, and got a few interesting items. Only scarce item at the show was a Fort Dodge depoted picked up by a dealer during the dealers' bourse before they opened the door--this dealer putting it on his Fall mail auction of medals \S tokens.

But I did pick up the following: a H.V. Elmore real estate encased cent of 1922. Half an hour later my friend Bob Medlar, a Lubbock dealer, showed me an identical real estate encased cent except that his had the rare 1922-P cent, and mine has the 1922-D. Price tag on his with 1922-P was \$650.00.

I also picked up some New Orleans Mardi Gras tokens. What are these, anyway?
Got five of the new CSNA medal of April 27-29, 1973, showing the Oakland, Brooklyn & Fruitvale horsecar with Bart train pictured below.

And I got the companion piece to the Los Angeles first parking token; it reads 76 Lucky Piece 1933 (wreath) / Increased Anti Knock of 76 Turns Waste Heat into Power (bronze 27mm solid).

Picked up one of the scarce World War II stells, Iowa 850 P. How you and Freiberg priced this and the rarer Iowa 850 Q at 25¢ I don't know. Ia 850 Q must be census or close to it. And how come you list this, but not the Fargo ND "B" token, which has a variety in metal just like Iowa 350 Q, very light bronze? Incidentally the very light bronzes were used before the WM tokens, and I heard were the first two 23mm issued for use in Johnson fare boxes.

Finally I picked up a cardboard ticket reading "Muscatine Iowa Merchants Bridge Ticket for Illinois Residents Good For 5¢ Muscatine Bridge Corp. Cooperating with the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce Period of Redemption Limited No. 41906 (black letters on green, size 76x48mm).

And Kirk picked up some nice space medals and space stamps and automobile medals reasonably for his collections.

= JUNE SUPPLEMENT TO ATMOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

	ILLINOIS	
	Greenup 375 (Reported by Ore Vacketta)	
	GOOD FOR / ONE RIDE / N. CUTRIGHT / GREENUP, ILL.	
		\$7.50
	A o B 26 Sd (same as obverse) (used about 1890-1900)	47.50
	INDIANA	
	Lafayette 520 (Reported by New Issues Service)	
	GREATER LAFAYETTE BUS CO. INC. (BUS)	
200	F o WM 23 Bl Good For One Fare (bus) (2 slots)	.30
Ψ	GREATER LAFAYETTE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (LOGO)	
.ui	G B 23 Sd One Fare (logo) (* 6/73)	.30
TC.	d b 25 bd One rate (1090) (0) (5)	•
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	Summer 875 (Reported by Robert Lubetkin)	
	C. HOAG, / SUMNER, / IOWA.	
	A o A Oc Sd Good For / One / Ride	5.00
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	Waterloo 930 (ex-Unidentified #130; location reported by Marie Johnson)	
	WATERLOO OMNIBUS CO. / S. SHILLIAM, / PROP.	
		5.00
	K o A 25 Sd Good For / One / Ride	5.00
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	Detroit 225 (Reported by Bernard Keith)	
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	St. Cloud 730 (Reported by Floyd Barnett)	
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	Atlantic City 20 (Reported by Ed Dence)	
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	J o B 25 Sd A Ride on / Applegate's / 5 / Carousal (Sc)	
	UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Richard Marzian)	
	131 B 22 Sd (like Unidentified #25, but with number 29 on both sides)	
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	AMICEMEND DIDE MANUELOWIDEDC! MOVENC (page 625 of Atwood)	
	AMUSEMENT RIDE MANUFACTURERS' TOKENS (page 635 of Atwood)	
	Group 103	
	ONE RIDE GIANT PILLOW 1972 (GIANT PILLOW)	
	A o Bz Ov Sd (blank) (elongated coin)	.50
	ONE RIDE GIANT PILLOW 1973 (GIANT PILLOW)	
*	B Bz Ov Sd (blank) (elongated coin)	.50
	[These are sometimes also rolled out on U.S. dimes.]	

This month we begin with a depotel token from Illinois, found by Ore Vacketta. He also obtained some information from Mr. Theodore Cutright, an attorney from Toledo, who said that N. Cutright had a livery barn and hack line, hauling people from the Illinois Central RR and Pennsylvania RR depots to the Greenup Hotel and the Conzet House. Abraham Lincoln once stayed at the Greenup Hotel, riding his law circuit! Greenup, Cumberland County, has a population of 1,230. The token was used in the 1890's.

The Ind 520 F has been kicking around for some ten years. It was reported to me back in 1962, but I could never get information from the company at Lafayette. So after several attempts over a period of years, we still could get no answer. And requests for the tokens always brought the earlier tokens. We do have information that Greater Lafayette Bus Co. took over the bus company in 1953. This is in the Catalogue but I made an error after the D token saying streetcars were abandoned in 1948. correct date is 1940. In July, 1970, Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corp. took over. This is a joint venture by the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette. Lafayette will pay 70% of the cost, and West Lafayette will pay 30%. So this is now a municipal operation by two cities. In taking over, the new authority inherited all the old tokens and tickets in the safe, including a supply of the mysterious Greater Lafayette Bus Co. tokens, and so we were finally able to purchase a supply of these for the New Issues Service, at the current fare rate. They also found a supply of old Lafayette Transit tickets, which were now put into use as convenience tickets, which they used until they got a new supply of tokens with the new name of the new company on them. The new tokens are to go into use this month, so we were also able to get a supply of them as well.

Incidentally we list the Ind 520 F as white metal, although it is actually a kind of light bronze. The explanation of this odd coloration is that, after the tokens are struck, they are put thru a chemical bath to be cleaned. Sometimes the tokens aren't sufficiently rinsed off after the chemical bath, and they take on a tarnish.

All of this reminds us that when a new company or authority takes over an earlier firm, they are liable to find in the safe tokens we didn't even know had existed. So delete the listing of Ind 998 E, and relist it as Ind 520 F.

We are listing a depotel from Sumner, Iowa. Mr. Lubetkin reports that Conrad Hoag operated a horse-drawn hack which furnished transportation from the depot to downtown Sumner, around the turn of the century and later. The 'bus met every train to pick up passengers and express. One of the hotels was the old Clifton Hotel, which later became the Hotel Charles, which was destroyed by fire in the 1950's.

The Waterloo token's correct location was found in a 1906 Polk Business Directory and is now given a home. S. Shilliam's first name was Samuel.

Previous tokens of the Detroit & Canada Tunnel Co. were for rides on buses going thru the tunnel. The new token, Mich 225 P, is for an automobile going thru the tunnel. Tokens are sold in rolls, and the driver tosses one into a basket. Auto toll is 75¢, and Mr. Bernard Keith gave us the information. We are fortunate in being able to supply these to N.I.S. members.

The Barnetts went up to St. Cloud, Minn., to visit old Minneapolis AVA member Kenneth Snyder, but found that he had died. While there, they discovered that the local bus line was using a new token. Tex Barnett was told that the token had been in use for at least a year and a half. This is a case of where we never knew anything about a transit authority taking over. The full name is St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission, but they just use the last three words of the name usually. Probably this has happened in other places as well; we don't know about all the tokens in use!

The Missouri token is relisted from Mr. Coffee's New Finds department last month.

The New Jersey token is for a ride on a merry-go-round token. As it has the
word "ride" on it we list it. There are other merry-go-round, or caroussel, tokens
from New Jersey which don't have "ride" or "fare" on them. These we don't list.

The Unidentified token was reported in Mr. Coffee's New Finds department in May. The "Giant Pillow" which uses the Amusement Ride Mfg's Tokens reported this month, is transported to various fairs and carnivals, and a percentage of the take is

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is paid to the fairs. As the ride is not limited to any one city or state, we are giving it a general classification. No more of the 1972 tokens are left, but anyone wanting a 1973 one can order it by writing Jerry A. Rathburn, J.R. Enterprises - 22 West Main St. - Alexandria, OH 43001. If rolled out on a Lincoln cent the price is 50¢. The price is 75¢ if rolled out on an Indian cent or a Mercury dime. Gold dollars, anyone?

We hope to have the Tucson tokens in time to list in the July Fare Box which will be mailed before the end of June, so I had to rush the June listings in early this month. Anything else that comes in will also be listed in the July Supplement.

Remember to notify Mr. Nicolosi if you don't want the Denver Convention tour token!

This June supplement takes off from the printed Supplement to the Catalogue which Mr. Coffee has prepared, so add these to the supplement.

= JUNE NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolisi

We continue to have good fortune in obtaining new issues. We're sending you 4 nice tokens this month (which may be a little late arriving; I'm still in the process of mailing out the Wisconsin boat tour tokens from Wisconsin; but you'll get them). All members: both regular & associate, will receive the following: Ind 520 F and G; Mich 225 P--which reminds me that the distance thru the tunnel from the U.S. to the Canadian side is 5,168 feet; tunnel was opened in 1930.

Lastly you will receive Minn 730 J, and our sincere thanks to Tex Barnett for obtaining these for us. Incidentally, you may notice a small scratch across the Detroit tokens—don't blame me, every single token has this scratch on it; it was put on there by the token manufacturer.

By the time you read this you should have received the Indian Boat tour tokens, Wis 360 L M N O (I m finishing up on these today). The April foreign tokens have been mailed to all of you who collect them (we'll have more for the month of May, which will be sent as soon as I have the time, and thanks as usual to Ken Smith for securing the foreign tokens for us.)

This month we welcome Major Bob Clifton from Associate to Regular status, and Mel fox from the waiting list to Associate membership.

Again, I must ask you to write me if you do not want to receive the AVA Denver Convention tour token from me--that is, if you plan to go to Denver and get it there, and don't wish also to get one from me.

= NEW FINDS =

Not too much to report since last issue on new finds of rare tokens. Hal Dunn was in Boston recently, and said that after much searching he got one of the Bear Valley "Bear Train" tokens. Not census, but amazingly scarce little token. He got his from a gas station.

Joe Pernicano reports finding a token which probably isn't transportation, but maybe someone can tell us what it is:

CIVIC CENTER STATION SO. ELMWOOD & MOHAWK 15
B 29 Sd (Mfg's name:) A.C. Gibson Co. Buffalo, N.Y.

Les Grady sends a clipping from the Allentown, Pa., newspaper. In Bethlehem they call our Pa 85 A token "Tommy Tokens," Six of these tokens are good for a free bus ride, but in the past 5 years only 1,700 tokens have been so used. This means fewer than 300 rides have utilized the tokens. Their chief use, it seems, is in parking meters "Such," writes Mr. Grady, "is the fate of public transportation these days."

= JUNE SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS = By Kenneth E. Smith

In 1964 Sydney Harbour Ferries (SHF) became quasi governmental, and our listings of metal passes were stopped. In 1970 Les Hawthorne was able to get a miscellaneous set of 22 different passes used by SHF from 1965 to 1970 and the supplements of March and April, 1971, were prepared from these listings. Last year that excellent collector of everything Australian, William Koonce, with his wife, had to fly to Australia for several months due to the severe illnes of his very aged mother-in-law. While there he was able to get two complete sets of 1964 thru June 1972 SHF passes plus the few duplicates they had not destroyed. SHF passes not in collectors, hands or lost have all been destroyed through the January-March 1972 issue. The only passes they might have on hand now would be the April-June 1972 and later issues. Bill Koonce was able to get the essential catalogue data on these issues, which show that in 1964 every quarter they made 145 passes, then dropping to 125 passes, then 120 passes, then 100 passes, then 75 passes, and by 1972 were down to 50 passes per quarter. SHF is seriously thinking of, or may have already, discontinued the passes. Therefore I am reissuing the March & April 1971 world supplements will all the new additional data and the additional 1970, 1971, and 1972, passes as follows:

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA 720	
SHF APRIL JUNE 1964 (25x25mm)	
MNo B Sd (numbers)(G plated)	\$5.00
(5 passes made, numbered 1 to 5)	
S.H.F OCTDEC. 1964 (20x22mm)	
MQo B Sd (numbers)(G plated)	5.00
(5 passes made, numbered 1 to 5)	
MRo B Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	1.00
(145 passes made numbered 1 to 145)	
S.H.F JAN-MARCH 1965 (18×22mm)	
MSo B Sd (numbers & maker's name)(G plated)	1.00
(145 passes made numbered 1 to 145)	
MTo B Sd (numbers & maker's name)(Sv plated)	5.00
(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
S.H.F APRIL JUNE 1965 (20×20mm)	
MUo B Sd (numbers)(G plated)	5.00
(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
MVo B Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	1.00
(145 passes made numbered 1 to 145)	
S H F JULY SEPT. 1965 (30×30mm)	
MWo B Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	5.00
(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
MXo B Sd (numbers)(G plated)	1.00
(125 passes made numbered 1 to 125)	
S.H.F OCT. DEC 1965 (21x32mm)(NUMBERS)	
MYo B Sd (blank)(G plated)	5.00
(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	4 00
MZo B Sd (blank)(Sv plated)	1.00
(120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	
S.H.F. JAN. MARCH 1966 (20×31mm)	1.00
NAO B Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	1.00
(120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	5.00
NBo B Sd (numbers)(G plated)	J.00
(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
S.H.F APRIL-JUNE 1966 (25x25mm)	1.00
NCo B Sd (numbers)(G plated)	1.00
(120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	5.00
NDo B Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	3.00
(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
(to be continued next month)	

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MAIL BID: ILL 150 J; la 30 C, 640 O; Ky 510 AS AT; Mo 920 C; Wis 95 A. Also selling
others. Send envelope for list.
                               Box 4461
                                                              Cedar Rapids, IA 52407
WILL SWAP TT's for buttons from uniforms (not work clothes) railroad, street railway,
airlines, buses, police & fire depts., lodges & some others, or will swap buttons
direct. = W.C. Gallagher - 4125 Madrona Road - Riverside, CA 92504
FOR TRADE: Ala 750 F; Cal 535 C D, 705 A, 775 C D; Conn 235 B; ILL 795 D; Ind 650 B C
for tokens I need. Send your trade & want lists.
                                                                  Broomall, PA 19008
                    - 58 Sonia Lane
Joe Pernicano
ORDER A SPECIAL A.V.A. 25th ANNIVERSARY stamped token cachet to be postmarked August
10 from Denver at the 1973 Convention. Only $1.25 postpaid from:
                            4760 So. Jason St.
                                                                 Englewood, CO 80110
FOR TRADE FOR TRANSP., PARKING, OR TELEPHONE TOKENS | NEED: Cal 450 G, 575 Ab; lowa
600 A, 730 A; Minn 245 A, 620 B C, 820 B C; Ohio 175 Z; Pa 15 F; Tex 255 D, 565 A;
Mfg Sample 8B, 14 A; Timetable G; Manitoba 3900 A; Ont 3675 A B C; Quebec 3620 B.
J. Douglas Ferguson - Box 38 - Rock Island, Queb HAVE TT's, PT's, car wash, trade tokens, to trade for N.Y. wants: NY 10 F H J K L,
                                                                Rock Island, Quebec
35 C, 75 A, 78 A, 80 A, 280 C, 365 A, 380 C, 410 A, 440 B, 615 C E, 685 C D, 735 C D,
745 A, 830 E G, 875 N P, 905 F, 945 É, 980 Å.
                                                                   Dallas, TX 75238
Hank Reidling
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I will pay ten times catalogue plus 2 trade tokens. Something for you and me.
Charles Berger - 222 Terlingua -
                                                                  Portland, TX 78374
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want lists to E.M. Rice - 212 Westhaven Drive - Austin, TX 78746
INVENTORY AND CHECK LIST for U.S. & Canadian tokens, 21 pages 82x11, can be cut in
half for 8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} standard looseleaf binder. Cost $1.25 postpaid 3rd class, $1.50 post-
paid first class mail. Also Fla 380 C for $2; Pa 455 A for $3; Pa 495 I for $1.50;
Ontario 125 A for $3. = Ralph Hinde - 225-30 106th Ave. - Jamaica, NY 11429 INSTANT STARTER COLLECTION FOR SALE - 500 DIFFERENT TT's, U.S. & Canadian, $100 pp.
All identified in 2x2 envelopes and/or holders.
                                                                Marina, CA 93933
                - P.O. Box 37
FOR SALE: 10 different car wash tokens my choice, $4.50 pp. 25 different car wash
tokens my choice, $11.50 pp. My new personal token for yours (17-B). If no token,
send SAE. = Michael Super - 5912 Franklin Ave. Apt. 3-A - Baltimore, MD 21207
SALOON TOKENS WANTED. Many choice transp. tokens to trade.
Littlefield - 4841 Hannover Ave. - St. Louis, MO 631: FOR SALE OR TRADE: Ind 90 A $3, 650 B $6.50, 650 C $6, 700 F $6; Ky 480 Ra 40¢, Rb
                                                                 St. Louis, MO 63123
40¢, 480 S $1.50; Ky 510 O $7; Md 300 A $3; NM 430 A $2; Ohio 165 N $7. +SAE.
Lee Schumacher
                           10609 Eastern - Kansas City, MO 64134
SEND ONE OF YOUR DUPLICATE TOKENS, receive one Pa 765 AB and my list of duplicates.
William E. Friese - 9334 Cromwell Drive - Pittsburgh, PA 15237
SELL OR TRADE: a few pieces of Pa 655 A, Conti & Rue Bus Line, of Monongahela, Pa.,
are still available. This item appeared in the Sept. 1972 issue of THE FARE BOX.
Will trade for any TT cataloguing for $1.50 or higher. Will sell for $4.00 +SAE.

    Pittsburgh, PA 15207

F.R. Wise - 1431 Leaside Drive
NY 631 C (transfer token) for sale at $1.00 each. I have only 5 tokens available.

    182 Whiting Lane
    West Hartford, CT 06119

Morton H. Dawson
MY SINCERE THANKS to all who have responded to my request for personal tokens.
Edward M. Cutler, L-215 - 2929 W. 190th St., Apt. 108 - Redondo Beach, CA 90278
WANTED: Md 550 A. Have Md 550 B or Ore 1000 A to offer as trade. FORD'S CATALOGUE
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know size & price. = Stanley Heist - 123 Buckingham Drive - Rosemont, PA 19010
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= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE JULY 9 =

= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

1395 DON D. WRAY - 1515 FOURTH STREET - ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102
Age 55; Store owner. Collects U.S., Canada, foreign. (Schumacher)
1396 SUSANNA LEWIS - 184 ST. JOHNS PLACE - BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11217
Age 34; Artist-craftsman. Collects U.S., Canada, foreign, parking (Schubert)

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* Charles Littlefield - 4341 Hannover Ave. - St. Louis, MO 63123

* Charles Mueller - 3746 So. East Avenue - Berwyn, IL 60402 David E. Schenkman - P.O. Box 274 - Indian Head, MD 20640 Rev. Waitstill H. Sharp - 195 High Street - Greenfield, MA 01301 Anthony D. Vanier - 4119 W. Cherrywood Lane - Brown Deer, WI 53209

Joe Studebaker writes that AVA member Robert Reel, of 25 Oxford Street, Manchester, NH 03102, is confined to a wheel chair because of old war wounds, and has retired from the military because of this. He suggests that those members who are able might write Mr. Reel and send him a couple of tokens and a friendly letter. "I know that tokens helped me," adds Joe, "and I can get with a bunch of them and catalogue and put up and really feel a lot better, when I get to worrying. I hope you can put this in THE FARE BOX." A.V.A. members are among the friendliest people in the world. I hope a lot of you out there can spare a few tokens for Brother Reel.

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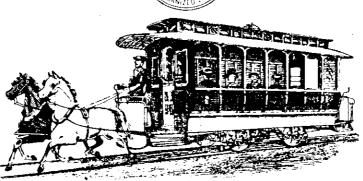
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KENNETH W. SNYDER

Kenneth W. Snyder, AVA #55, was one of the pioneers of our hobby. I met him in Minneapolis back in 1951 or 1952, and remember spending an afternoon with him examining his extensive collection. He was a regular fixture at our early conventions, and was a lively and active spirit. In recent years ill health forced him to become inactive, but he always maintained his membership and his interest in transportation tokens. He died March 12, in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

June 26 at Midnight. This issue includes all ads received as of today. Those that are too late for this issue will be carried west with me and placed in the August issue, which will be mailed out during the first week in August. The August issue is our small midsummer issue, and we must limit free ads in that issue somewhat. Auctions only of tokens listed at \$1 or more; no "wanted" ads; no ads selling tokens other than transportation, parking, or car wash.

I shall be leaving Boston on July 1, will arrive in California July 6, and in Tacoma on July 16. The Atwood Catalogue Supplement is getting the slow treatment at our printers, and they have now promised to ship them to me during the week of July 20. They will be mailed out from Tacoma. Although the "official" price is now \$1.50, since they are late I shall accept advance orders at \$1 each postpaid, until July 20.

The most important event during the summer for vecturists is always the Annual Convention. This year's show promises to be one of the best ever. August 10-12, at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Denver. Make your reservations now, and send Syd Joseph your advance registration.

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This month's comments will bring to a close the frequent thought I have shared with members during my two years as A.V.A. president. Our association has made good progress in numerous ways, which will be reported in full detail at the August conclave. However since only a limited number of members find it possible to attend such gatherings, my final message will outline some of these achievements.

Two items for which all collectors look forward eagerly are John Coffee's new supplement to the Atwood Catalogue, and Duane Feisel's revised edition of his Parking Token Catalogue. To have two such needed publications come off the press at about the same time is really something! Also due by convention time will be the new Silver Anniversary medals, which were ordered by approximately one-third of our membership. We are convinced that they will be attractive and valuable souvenirs of this twenty-fifty anniversary year.

Other new projects of these two years have been the lithographed certificates for all life members, and the handsome 3" emblem decals, available to everyone at a low price. We now have a Tribute Fund established with the treasurer, whereby any member can honor or memorialize fellow members. Thanks to the California Association of Token Collectors, each A.V.A. member has been mailed a summary of the two conventions shortly after they ended, and while our regular Editor was enjoying his well-deserved vacation.

For organization betterment we have changed our election to two-year terms, streamlined the nominating procedures, made the Curator position appointive, and reset the age limit for Junior members. A reprinting of the revised by-laws is now in process, with distribution to everyone later this year. (Much of the labor cost on various recent printing needs has been donated.)

THE FARE BOX reached its 25th year and 300th issue, resulting in a Silver Spike memento last summer to famed editor John Coffee. Somehow the two remarkable Butlers in Minneapolis have produced even better annual rosters each time. Their latest issue includes a half-dozen tables of most useful information, in addition to the detailed membership listings themselves.

And so these have been a couple of very pleasant years for me, due in no small measure to the wonderful cooperation given by the Executive Board and the members in general. Of course I want to thank everyone for granting me the opportunity to serve as your president, and at the same time I want to extend best wishes to the incoming officers. By working together, all of us are certain to enjoy many fine years in our favorite hobby.

- Robert M. Ritterband

= PRICES REALIZED AT ED DENCE'S MAY AUCTION =

Ark 435 B\$20.05	NJ 555 A\$9.50	Pa 495 G\$2.05	Please send in
Ind 280 A 28.00	NJ 555 B 9.50	Pa 590 C21.25	Prices Realized
Ky 510 Qno bid	Pa 150 B 9.00	Pa 750 Z 5.50	for your auction,
NJ 20 D 9.85	Pa 320 A 2.55	Timetable F 6.10	too.

= VECTURISTS RUNNING FOR A.N.A. BOARD OF GOVERNORS =

Far be it from us to tell those A.V.A. members who are also members of the American Numismatic Association how to vote. However, it ought to be noted that four of our faithful A.V.A. members are in the running. Obviously these four people will look after the interests of transportation token collecting in the large numismatic organization. The four are Harold Don Allen, Maurice M. Gould, Kenneth L. Hallenbeck, and Byron F. Johnson.

None of the other candidates for any A.N.A. office has ever been a member of the A.V.A.

= THE RICHMOND LIGHT & RAILWAY COMPANY = By George Schroder

This is the company which issued NY 632 A. The firm was incorporated August 1, 1902, and it operated on Staten Island (Richmond County) in the City of New York at various rates of fare until after World War I.

The employees went on strike January 18, 1920, and the strike was still going on in May, 1920, but I have been unable to ascertain exactly when it ended. In any case, the company's financial status was poor, and on April 27, 1920, John J. Kuhn, whose name appears on our token NY 632 A, was appointed Receiver. The fare structure was promptly rearranged as follows, effective May 5, 1920: Cash fares were raised from $5\mathfrak{c}$ to $8\mathfrak{c}$, "regular tickets" raised from $5\mathfrak{c}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{c}$, and school tickets were reduced from $4\mathfrak{c}$ to $3\mathfrak{c}$. Obviously these "regular tickets" were tokens—NY 632 A. Thus I believe that NY 632 A went into use to mark the new fare, on May 5, 1920. Incidentally the Public Service Commission report for 1920—from which I obtained most of this information—states that the company "discontinued service" on its five trolley lines on April 27, 1920, and resumed service on May 5, 1920. Thus the resumption of service coincided with the increased fares and the introduction of metal tokens.

The company reported approximately 10,000,000 passengers per year in 1921 and 1922, only about 15% of whom were at the $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ token rate. (The saving being only $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, obviously lots of people didn't bother with them.)

On December 20, 1922, a company known as Richmond Railways, Inc., was incorporated, but it did not assume operation of the trolley lines on Staten Island until Midnight, June 30, 1927. The new company was a subsidiary of the old company. The 1923 Transit Commission Report (Transit Commission was the new name for the Public Service Commission in the New York City area) states that the company was reorganized, and that the Receiver, Mr. Kuhn, was discharged August 1, 1923.

Stock control of Richmond Light & Railroad Company was acquired by Staten Island Edison Company on August 1, 1923 (same date they fired Kuhn), and on that date they also took over the lighting business.

Subsequent Transit Commission reports indicate that the aforementioned fares remained in effect until the motorization period--December 31, 1933, to January 24, 1934, when buses of Staten Island Coach Company, Inc., replaced the trolleys of Richmond Railways, Inc. They charged a $5\mathfrak{C}$ fare on the buses until after World War II.

It would appear, then, that our token was used from May 5, 1920, until December 31, 1933, when the buses took over--or began taking over. Although Mr. Kuhn was fired August 1, 1923, no doubt the tokens continued in use with his name on them, to save the cost of making up new tokens.

= DENVER CONVENTION NEWS RELEASE =

Baby sitting service can be available at the A.V.A. Convention this year! But if you plan to avail yourself of this service, please let Mr. Joseph know in advance, so that arrangements can be made.

Perhaps some of the members who attended the Chicago Convention last year will remember seeing Jim Clymer's computerized list of U.S. tokens in the Atwood Catalogue. I recently learned that he and George Van Trump are collaborating on a very interesting project: utilizing the computer to furnish information from Atwood. For example, we toss around figures that represent the number of tokens (not including minor varieties) listed. George and Jim can furnish the EXACT number. And they can break it down further. In the wink of any eye they can relate how many 15¢ tokens are listed; how many tokens are listed east of, or west of, the Mississippi River. These plus many other questions can readily be answered if they are aware of what questions need answers. Why not drop either of these two swell guys a line? This could bring about a monthly question and answer column in THE FARE BOX.

Again I repeat a suggestion made a while back. If a good number of oldtimers would send a brief note of welcome and one duplicate token to new applicants listed in THE FARE BOX, it would be a great welcome to these newcomers to the A.V.A. And isn't that what the whole thing is all about?

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= FOREIGN TOKENS AVAILABLE AT LOS ANGELES "COIN" CONVENTION = By Kenneth E. Smith

On June 15 and 16 I attended the Convention of International Numismatics (COIN) in Los Angeles. This is the big annual foreign coin convention. I noticed the tremendous rise in the prices of foreign coins, in many cases doubling from last year and almost all due to the plunging American dollar in foreign countries. At this convention very few foreign transportation tokens were evident. One dealer did have some Turkey 400 D to K (page 218 of my Catalogue) for sale at double catalogue, and a 400 M at \$1.25 (listed at 25¢ in my book). I finally bought the 400 M at \$1.25 as I felt that at a convention of this size I should buy at least one token listed in my book, and 400 M is really a dollar token.

A New Jersey dealer had a set of 3 KINGS PRIVATE ROADS English passes (page 241 of my book): namely 908 C E and H, for which I believe he would have taken \$100.00. This isn't too bad for these if you collect them, as at present 908 C and E are census tokens. I passed them as I have the complete set from 908 A thru H.

The auction had a Brazil 600 B (see page 66) badly damaged on one end and slightly pitted, etc., which went for the unbelievable price of \$42.50 to some mail bidder. The auction was mostly Asian, so there were a few bargains in other items. Among the miscellaneous items on auction were 6 Peru 19th Century railroad medals commemorating the opening of various railroads. I have all these, but one of the silver ones. It went for \$45 to a dealer. The bronze medals sold at \$16, and the 5 silver ones for from \$35 to \$50 each, and all to mail auction dealers who handle South American material. They will probably put them on their own auctions this Fall where they will bring \$45 to \$90 each for the silver, and \$20 to \$25 for the bronze.

A Texas dealer had a lot of almost 40 South American transportation medals and badges, mostly badges, all 20th Century, at a fantastic price for the lot. I passed them by.

From Buenos Aires came the only collector I know of in South America who collects transportation tokens. He brought 90 of the latest subway token from Buenos Aires (these 90 being the best of over 500 he examined. Those fare boxes grind up the aluminum tokens something awful.) I got them for 25¢ apiece for Nicolosi's New Issues Service. This collector looks in dealers' shops, flea markets, etc., trying to pick up Argentina 100 A B C, 160 A B C D E, 600 A, 700 A B, and in the last two years he hasn't found anything. He needs some of these for his own collection. He doesn't collect transportation medals, but picked up a number of 20th Century Argentine rail-road medals whose prices were a little steep but not too bad except for two silver items which I passed on. He also brought up stuff for other people that they wanted and sold it, and was busy buying stuff for collectors down in Argentina. In several South American countries it is difficult to send in or get out via mail any types of coins, medals, and tokens, and among that class are transportation items. I believe their governments are suspicious of why anybody would want obsolete tokens and medals.

= REED STREET DEFINITELY IN PHILADELPHIA =

In the February, 1973, Fare Box the Editor wondered publicly if the Reed Street Ferry tokens are really from Philadelphia. Every example of Pa 750 A and B that has ever turned up has been in uncirculated condition. Well, George Schroder indicates that the tokens certainly are Philadelphia pieces. "I got out an October 1944 Philadelphia Transportation Company map," he writes, "and there it was [Reed Street] two blocks south of Grays Ferry Avenue on the Schuylkill River, running across town to the Delaware River. And at the bottom of the map the Navy Yard, at League Island. Then the Dallas Library, of all places, had an 1372 New Jersey atlas, and on the last page was a map of Philadelphia, on which Reed Street is located, and at the Delaware River end is the Navy Yard. The maps showed where the ferries ran, except that it didn't state that the Camden "South Ferry" ran to Reed Street in Philadelphia. But that's my guess."

Now if only someone could tell us what "J.H.T." represents!

= OLD TOLL ROAD AND BRIDGE TOLL TOKENS OF THE NETHERLANDS = By F.J. Bingen

Investigations made at the Municipal Museum at Malmö (Sweden) regarding a recently discovered TT of that town--about which I shall report later--brought to light an old Netherlands token. Dr. Vákár, the keeper of coins in this museum, wrote me the following: "Our coin cabinet owns besides coins and medals several tokens from Sweden and from other countries, e.g., the Netherlands. We enclose a copy of a tram token made of lead (thickness 4mm)." The rubbing showed the following token:

STRAATWEG NAAR BAVOORT

L 32 Sd Tol Betaald

The translation is "Paved Road to Bavoort" / "Toll Paid". It is clear that this is not a tram token, but an old toll road token. I must confess that though I am quite familiar with the geography of my country, I did not know where to look for Bavoort. According to a gazetteer of the Netherlands it appeared to be a hamlet in the province of Utrecht, about 5 miles south of the town of Amersfoort, on the old road from that town to Arnhem. Even knowing this, I had trouble finding Bavoort. No road sign gave this name, but at last I found some houses in a group and a very kind woman in a baker's shop (the only shop!) told me that with these five houses and the remainder of a windmill, I had found Bavoort. It was a surprise to see on a small house near the main road the sign TOLHUIS (toll house). It was a bit disappointing that no one could tell me anything about the toll road, even the baker's wife, who seemed only interested in her--indeed delicious--cookies! Further investigation--to which Jonkheer William H. de Beaufort, a descendant of one of the former landowners and builders of our road, was very helpful--brought to light that in the middle of the 19th Century the landowners living between Amersfoort and Arnhem (a distance of about 35 miles) had joined in the "Hegotiatie tot aanleg van den Straatweg van Arnhem naar Bavoort" (i.e. Association for the Construction of a Paved Road From Arnhem to Bavoort). The road, which after a few years was extended to Amersfoort, was a toll road, and to collect the toll there were built along the road in several places toll houses, the last one in existence (and only one still in existence) being the small one I found in Bavoort. In 1883 the government took over the road and the toll houses were continued. In 1904 the toll was abolished on the road.

As the head office of the "Negotiatie" that built this road was in Arnhem, it seems best to list the token under this town.

Our friend Yosef Sa'ar has drawn my attention to some other tokens which possibly could be toll tokens. Years ago he reported to me three tokens of the same type, the obverse bearing an oval with a stork with eel in mouth and the denomination, either 10 or 12½. On his pieces the reverses had either the initials WP & Z or F.P. (the latter incuse). The notes written on the envelopes in which he acquired these tokens at a Chicago coin dealer's shop revealed that they were originally purchased from Jacques Schulman when his offices were in the Hague. On one envelope they were described as "gate or passage tokens" and "for 12½ cent toll" on the other.

In an auction catalogue of the said firm, for April 9, 1912, there were offered under No. 2648: "Set of six tokens for the toll between the Hague and Scheveningue of $12\frac{1}{2}$ and 10 cents, each in three shapes."

There is no doubt these tokens were issued for the Hague, as the stork with eel in mouth is the arms of this city. Quite recently I acquired an almost complete set of these tokens, and it therefore seems good to publish a listing of them:

10 (STORK WITH EEL IN MOUTH IN OVAL)

Bz 27 Sd F.P. (incuse)
L 27 Sd WP & Z
L 27 Sd (blank)
L Pt Sd " (pentagon) (25mm high; 26mm broad)
L Sq Sd " (26mm)

The listing in Schulman's auction catalogue makes it likely there is also a 5-sided 12½ piece which has not been located up to now. Schulman's allocation as toll tokens is certainly possible. The old paved road between the Hague and the sea resort a few miles to the west of that city, the old fishing village of Scheveningue, was constructed as early as the middle 17th Century, and it has since been a toll road. The toll was only abolished at the end of the 19th Century. So when Schulman Sr. offered them in an auction some 15 years later it is possible they were still recognized as toll tokens. As the initials on the reverse don't fit in with any of the names of the toll collectors (a list of which is in my possession), it is quite certain they are the initials of the manufacturers of the tokens. N.P. & Z. = W.P. & Son, and F.P. probably being the son. I regret I have not had the time to find out whether there has ever been a firm of W.P. & Son in the Hague, which might have made these tokens. Nor, of course, do I have confirmation that these are really toll road tokens. So if our Cataloguer of World Transportation Tokens doesn't want to list them, even as unidentified TT's, I cannot blame him.

Volume VI of Josef Neumann's <u>Beschreibung der bekanntesten Kupfermünzen</u>, Prague 1872 (Description of Copper Coins), lists under No. 35341 a lead token from a small Netherlands town, Doesburg. The token has on its obverse a bird to the right and DOESBORCH, and on the reverse VRY / BRUG. The diameter is 26mm. Like the Bavoort token it is not difficult to allocate this token, as VRY stands for "free" and BRUG for bridge. Doesburg is an old town on the river IJsel (sorry, a different river from the IJssel which flows along my living place), and was situated on a through road from Holland to Germany, and quite early there was a floating bridge over the river. According to information supplied by the archivist of Doesburg, several authorities had the right to pass the bridge without paying the fixed toll. The token served as an indentification for those who could make use of this immunity, and it can therefore be listed in Mr. Smith's Catalogue as the first Netherlands pass.

The World TT Catalogue lists in section six, page 242, three toll road tokens used on the road from Middelburg to Flushing in the Netherlands province of Zealand. My original report on these tokens, which I found in the collection of the Provincial Museum at Middelburg (PMM), of August 6, 1960, to Mr. Smith was incomplete, so the listing therefore to my regret is not correct. Meanwhile there have been discovered several other tokens used on this road, in the collection of the Royal Coin Cabinet at Brussels (RCB). Schulman lists some of these tokens in his catalogue of December 9, 1924 (S24), as well. So the time seems ripe to make an entirely new listing. The general type of these tokens is the horse on obverse, and on reverse the letter M at top of the token, the year in the middle, and the denomination in stivers (S) at the bottom. Below, our readers will find a listing of all the tokens of this toll road that are known up to now:

		(HORSE TO THE	RIGHT)		
o L	23 Sđ	м 1806 6	S	(RCB)	
o L	22 Sđ	м 1809 8	S	(S24)	
o L	22 Sđ	M 1824 8	S	(S24)	
o L	24 Sd	M 1831 10	S	(PMM)	(Smith 440 VA)
o L	22 Sd	M 1817 12	S	(RCB)	
o L	21 Sd	и 1808 15	S	(RCB)	
o L	24 Sđ	м 1823 15	S	(PMM)	(Smith 440 VB)
o L	22 S3	и 1803 24	S	(PMM)	
o L	22 Sđ	м 1820 24	S	(PMM)	(Smith 440 VC)
o L	25 Sd	M (script) 1829 24	S (RCB)	

= THE TOKEN AND MEDAL JAMBOREE: A REPORT = By Duane H. Feisel

Judging from the enthusiastic comments of those who were there, the first National Token, Medal & Exonumia Collectors Jamboree has to be rated as a great success. Held March 16 to 18, 1973, at the San Jose (California) Hyatt House, the event had 20 bourse dealers in exonumia items. Almost 100 collectors signed up for the full jamboree, and many others came in for the day. The success of this show prompts the planning for another, which will be held March 22 to 24, 1974, at the brand new Le Baron Hotel in San Jose. The Le Baron will first open in October, 1973.

Many of the bourse dealers arrived Thursday evening to set up their tables. Although the Thursday evening activities were restricted to dealings between the bourse dealers, a number of collectors also appeared with the hopes of getting an early start. Collectors arrived early Friday morning, and by 10 o'clock opening time there was a long line of eager buyers. Once the doors opened, there was a rush to the bourse tables and the aisles were jammed quickly. This sort of activity continued all day Friday and most of Saturday and Sunday.

Many collectors took advantage of the availability of a collector's social room which was a place where collectors could get together to talk, swap, buy and sell on an individual basis.

Housed in the same room as the bourse, a number of outstanding exhibits of rare and unusual exonumia material were available for viewing. A featured exhibit was the collection of over 250 credit cards obtained by Walter Cavanagh, Mountain View, Cal.; this collection is permanently displayed at the Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum in San Francisco. Unusual depression scrip was shown by Verner J. Anderson of Roseburg., Ore. Pocket mirrors, both advertising and "good for" formed the display of AVA member Chriss Christiansen of Cupertino. Attracting interest was the award-winning display of sales tax tokens by Ray Erkson of Santa Clara. Don Finch of Visalia showed lucky pennies and souvenirs featuring the American Indian. Cranking out elongated cents for jamboree attendees was the old elongated cent rolling machine shown by Dale Noll of Sunnyvale. Several frames of varied exonumia items comprised the unusual display by Ed Saunders of Portland. A fine representation of OPA and foreign ration materials was shown by Viola Thomas of Sacramento. Mrs. Thomas and her husband Charles spent many hours at the display to provide information on it and the Society of Ration Token Collectors, to interested parties. Each exhibitor received a special striking of the jamboree banquet token in sterling silver.

There was also a special display of all the exonumia items issued in conjunction with the jamboree. These included a set of 3 trade tokens valid with the bourse dealers present, a token used as a ticket for the banquet, elongated cents issued by the Elongated Collectors and by Paul Koppenhaver (a good-for elongated cent!) and by Danny Crabb; hand-out tokens given by C. Meccarello, Chriss Christiansen, Duane H. Feisel, and Sambo's Restaurants, and various other things.

During the course of the jamboree membership meetings were scheduled by the Society of Ration Token Collectors, the Civil War Token Society, the California-Nevada Token Society, the Merchant Token Collectors Assn., the American Tax Token Society, and the Bay Area Token Society. These meetings were usually well attended, although in many cases it proved difficult to entice members to leave the bourse tables! The panel sessions of Cataloguing, Mavericks, and Fakes Fantasies & Frauds, were attended by interested parties; the sessions were informally conducted with considerable information being exchanged.

The Friday evening auction of exonumia items play to an overflow crowd. Conducted by Paul Koppenhaver, the auction featured many outstanding Washington medals. The highlight of the auction was a mail bid of \$1,425 on a silver example of the medal for William McKinley's Second Inauguration. The tokens in the auction—trade, transportation and Civil War—brought uniformly high prices. It is understood that in the auction at the 1974 Jamboree, rare trade tokens will be featured.

During the banquet the value of an alert security force was demonstrated. Shortly after the banquet was scheduled to begin, two of the 3 security guards on duty on a 24-hour basis left the bourse room to partake of the banquet fare. Within minutes an attempt was made to enter the bourse room by several individuals. Appar-

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ently one of these persons had access to a door key, which was used to open the previously locked door. Fortunately the guard on duty was able to turn these people away. Interestingly on Saturday afternoon the security force paid special attention to two suspicious characters who were there apparently to "case" the bourse room; one of these persons was among the group who had attempted entry Saturday evening. Although no formal action was taken, the identity of some of these persons was reported to the San Jose Police Department.

The presence of the security force in the bourse room undoubtedly helped in reducing losses, although one dealer with a double table reported that a number of items had been taken from his tables without payment. In my own case, I lost two tokens to a light-fingered thief—the envelopes housing these tokens appeared empty at a later check. Lost were the Club Saloon J.K. Gow Woodburn, Ore. 5¢; and Jake's Place Stanford, Mont., 25¢. Since I was involved so much in the jamboree activities I really had very little time to spend on the bourse floor itself. My tokens were shown to only about half a dozen people, so it was relatively easy to deduce who the thief might have been. My suspicious have been confirmed several times over by other collectors who have also sneak thefts after being visited by this misguided collector. Because of his wide activities his identity is known by a number of collectors.

Business continued at the bourse tables right up to the closing time on Sunday afternoon. Many favorable comments were given by collectors and dealers, each one accompanied by a promise to return for another jamboree.

Four large tokens were issued for the Jamboree, as follows:

NATIONAL TOKEN, MEDAL AND EXONUMIA COLLECTORS JAMBOREE MARCH 16-18, 1973 HYATT HOUSE SAN JOSE, CAL.

B 38 Sd At Any Bourse Table Good For One Dollar in Trade (with Mfg's name: D.H. Feisel Palo Alto, Cal.)

Bz 38 Sd "A 38 Sd "

WM 38 Sd Saturday, March 17, 1973 Good For One Gourmet Banquet 7:00 P.M.

If anyone would like the above set of four tokens, I can supply them for \$5.00 post-paid. My address is on the masthead of THE FARE BOX.

In response to the June issue of THE FARE BOX, Kenny Smith sent us the following note:

"On the Galata article by Les Hawthorne the last paragraph proves that one should look in my catalogue before commenting. World TT Catalogue page 218 lists Turkey ferry tokens 400 D thru 400 K which have been listed for a few years and are apparently still used, and were distributed some years ago by Nicolosi's New Issues Service.

"My article on the dollar devaluation was written as stated near the end of the article when gold was \$80 per ounce. Gold now has risen to over \$120 per ounce and the new devaluation effects are somewhat greater than stated in the article.

"In my article 'A Day at a Coin Show John edited out the fact that these four Mardi Gras tokens I described read: A MARDI GRAS DAY RIDE OF FUN & FROLIC NEW OR-LEANS. LOUISIANA with various reverse. What are they?"

Donald M. Stewart of Calgary, Alberta, reports that he has a $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch replica of the Cleveland 3-Cent token of 1906. The story of these big token replicas is told on page 438 of the Atwood Catalogue, and we do have a big aluminum replica listed. Now apparently there is also a brass one. These things are really nice Miscellaneous items to go with your collection, and quite desirable.

Donald Noe, who put together the Catalogue of A.V.A. Personal Tokens which was published by NEVA, asks me to remind everyone that the <u>only</u> way to get your new personal token listed officially is to send one to the Editor of THE FARE BOX. The collection I have formed here is the official A.V.A. reference collection.

= JULY SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS = By Kenneth E. Smith

AUST	TRALIA		
	ney 7	- 20 (continued from June)	
		S.H.F. JULY SEPT. 1966 (18x30mm)	*4 00
NEo	В		\$1.00
\$ 1 CT	r.s.	(100 passes made numbered 1 to 100)	5 00
NFo	B	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5) S.H.F. OCT. DEC. 1966 (25x28mm)	
NGo	В	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	1.00
1100	(_)	(100 passes made numbered 1 to 100)	1.00
NHo	В	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
		S.H.F. JANMARCH 1967 (29x29mm)	
NIO	В	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	1.00
		(100 passes made numbered 1 to 100)	
NJo	В	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
		S.H.F. APRIL JUNE 1967 (18x23mm)	
NKo	В	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	1.00
		(100 passes made numbered 1 to 100)	
NLo	В	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
\	5	S.H.F JULY-SEPT. 1967 (24×25mm)	
M/0	B	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	1.00
NINI.	D	(100 passes made numbered 1 to 100)	F 00
NNo	Þ	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5) S.H.F. OCT. DEC. 1967 (21x34mm)	
N0o	B	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	1 00
1100	17	(97 passes made numbered 1 to 97)	1.00
NPo	В	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	5,00
0		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	J.00
		S.H.F. JANMARCH 1968 (28×28mm)	
NQo	В	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	1.00
•		(100 passes made numbered 1 to 100)	
NRo	В	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
		SHF APRIL-JUNE 1968 (21×23mm)	
NSo	В	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	1.00
		(100 passes made numbered 1 to 100)	
NTo	В	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	
	D 1		
		ning with July, 1968, the quantity was cut below 100 passes per quarter save on costs the year and months were eliminated from the passes.	,
	30 10	save on costs the year and months were etiminated from the passes.	
		S H F (LARGE 1)(25x25mm)(used July-Sept. 1968)(shape like 720 CM)
NUo	В	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	- -
NVo	В	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	1.25
		(75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)	
		S.H.F OCT. DEC. 1968 (LARGE 2)(25x28mm)	
NWo	В	Sd (numbers)(G plated)	1.25
	_	(75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)	
ИХо	В	Sd (numbers)(Sv plated)	5.00
		(5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)	

(To be continued in future supplements.)

= JULY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

	ARIZONA		
	Tucson 840	<u> </u>	
*	F в 16 т	TUCSON TRANSIT SYSTEM Good For One Fare (* 1973)	60.05
- ^. - 'X'	G B 23 T	n n	\$0.25 .25
7		m token is used by low income groups, and the 23mm token by the	. 25
		. Tokens are redeemed under the Model Cities Program.]	
	CAT THORNER		
	CALIFORNIA	- 1000 (m	
	Miscellaneou	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	M Pr 33 Sd	(OBVERSE SAME AS 1000 L) (white incuse letters both sides) Good For 10¢ on a Taxi Ride (taxicab) (* 6/13/73)	3 12
×	M FI 50 SQ	Good For 10% on a raxi Ride (taxicab)(* 6/13//3)	.15
	MASSACHUSETT	3	
	Cambridge 1	45 (Reported by Foster Palmer [C] and John Coffee [D])	
		COLLEGE & MEDICAL AREA	
*	C Pr 31 Sd	(blank) (white letters on obverse)	
		🛊 a. incuse letters; opaque token	.50
	•	b. printed letters; translucent token	1.00
		DENTAL & MEDICAL AREAS	
f.	D Pw 31 Sd	(blank) (incuse red letters on obverse)	.50

CORRECTIONS

Cal 1000 L: change size to 38mm
Ia 875 A (June Fare Box): add size (27mm)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

We obtained the Tucson tokens through the efforts of Ore Vacketta and the American Transit Corp. These tokens are not sold to the public, but are given to people with ID cards who qualify for them. The fare in Tucson is 25¢, so we are listing the tokens at that price. The 16mm tokens are used by people in the low income group, while the 23mm tokens are used by the elderly. All tokens that show up in the fare boxes are redeemed under the Model Cities Program. Each person entitled to use these tokens drops one in the fare box, and this makes an accurate count of how well the plan is catching on. We had a token of similar nature listed in the October 1972 Fare Box, from San Antonio. However, this San Antonio token was discontinued May 1, 1973, and replaced with an ID card. Strange as it seems, people using these tokens were afraid they would run out, and began hoarding them. So the system didn't work out. Time will tell how successful the token system is in Tucson.

We're listing another token for Mike's D Hoon Cab Co. The owner of the cab company has commented that with continual use, the white letters on these plastic tokens wear off, and they become hard to read. So after a while they are discarded and new tokens are ordered. This doesn't speak well of plastic tokens. Possibly aluminum tokens, even if they cost a little more, are more practical. The drawing of the taxi cab on reverse of 1000 M is a Mercedes-Benz.

We have another token used by the Harvard University bus, that runs from Harvard Yard in Cambridge, to the Harvard Medical School in Boston. We got the token several months back, but had to hold up the listing because Harvard never sent us a bill, and we didn't know what to list them for. Mr. Coffee called them up, finally, and got them to look into the matter and send us a bill, which they finally did. Note that the Mass 145 C has "AREA" while the earlier listed token has "AREAS". The lettering on the C is also somewhat larger. Mr. Coffee also learned from Foster Palmer, who reported the new token, that there are two varieties of the "area" token, but not sufficient to deserve a major listing. One type, 145 Ca, has the white letters sunk into the token, and the plastic is virtually opaque—you can't see light thru it.

The other variety, 145 Cb, is translucent—you can see light quite easily through it. And the letters are not sunk into the token. They seem printed flush with the surface. The result is that the letters wear off quickly and they get discarded quickly. John Coffee went over to the office at the Medical School and examined hundreds of these red tokens, and could find only 3 of the translucent variety. That makes a total of 5 of them owned by collectors, and probably precious few more will turn up, as by now most of them have been discarded.

While at that office, Mr. Coffee noticed a bag of white tokens, inscribed "Dental & Medical AReas". The woman who kept the tokens didn't know why they had some white ones, but said they were used on the same bus "when the red ones run out." As for the white color, maybe it's to match the teeth symbolized by the Dental School. Mr. Coffee got 173 of these white ones, which he will bring out to John Nicolosi with him in July, and these also will be distributed by the New Issues Service.

We have a report of a new token for the Belmont Race Track. See listing of NY 235 B listed at \$1.00. The price of these tokens has gone up to \$1.75. We hesitate to send a lot of money to them for the new token, as we might end up with a lot of the 235 B, instead of the putative new 235 C (which I haven't seen yet). So the New Issues Service is up against it. Too much money is involved when we might get the wrong tokens, which we wouldn't have any use for. We hope that through the efforts of some of the NEVA members we can get this straightened out, and perhaps one of our New York members can pick out the new tokens for us.

We also have a report of a token from STeven C. Tureen of San Diego. He reports he found a token like WVa 890 E, but with a 3 punched over the 1. So if this was a 30 with 1 punched over the 10 I don't know. I do not have 890 O or P to see the type of 3 used on these tokens. But how to list it I don't know. Will bring this up before the rest of the Catalogue Committee and get their reaction to this.

Also a letter from Douglas Peters of Allentown, Pa., who reports a token similar to Ohio 230 I, but black instead of white. In situations like this I like to have a couple other members of our Committee check out the color for confirmation, as too many things happen when you put such tokens in the sunlight, or play around with them. The reason this token 230 I is white is obvious from the name of the company. Why a black token would exist is a mystery.

In a letter to me, Ore Vacketta reports finding 5 of Ky 480 Rb with some sort of odd plating. Does anyone know if any of the Ky 480 R were plated for any reason? It's a sort of gun-metal plating. For those who want to see the odd type of bus on this token, make a note that the token in the center of page 32 of Atwood is Ky 480 R. Does anyone know of any other token with this kind of bus on it? This token came out in 1948, and I don't know which firm struck them. The fare was raised in November, 1953, and possibly then the firm which struck 480 R was out of business so they sent in an order to Meyer & Wenthe which resulted in Ky 480 S. I'm not sure yet if tokens were received in November, 1953, so didn't include a date in the catalogue. But it was either November, 1953, or shortly thereafter. In December, 1954, the fare went to 15¢ straight and tokens were distontinued, so 480 S was in use only about a year. If anyone knows what firm struck 480 R, please let me know. Incidentally the earliest tokens I know of with Type #3 bus on them were made by Meyer & Wenthe in June, 1952.

Alan Weighell reports that Ontario 400 C D E F are now obsolete, as the bridges have become toll free. Tokens are used on the Burlington Skyway and on Homer Skyway in St. Catharines. So all the toll collectors are out of a job. Tokens were discontinued on June 30, 1973, and Mr. Weighell will try to learn what they will do with them now.

Now a few words about tokens that have never been used or released by the companies that ordered them. These are sitting in company safes. For instance we have a token for El Paso, probably made in 1950 at the same time 320 E was made. It is similar to 320 E but 23mm in white metal. They're in the safe down there, and every once in a while we get a report they may be used some time. Perhaps we could list this token, and instead of a price put *** to indicate that it's a token in a company safe.

There's also a token for SEPTA of Philadelphia. The question is, should we go ahead and list it and give it a ***. Also for Eugene, Ore., we have both a 16mm and

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a 23mm token which are supposed to go into use sometime this year. For all I know they're in use now. But I don't know one way or the other. Then we have a report of a new token being made for Washington, D.C. On this one, I don't know what it looks like, but I do know what the others mentioned above look like. So we can list them now with *** in place of the price, or sit around for maybe a year or maybe 25 years till they are used.

However, tokens like Fla 530 G which have been destroyed might be listed with **** (4 asterisks) in place of the price, so collectors would understand what they are. Another token in the same category is NC 660 C, or should be 660 C. It's a 23mm brass token similar to 660 B. These are extremely rare tokens, but under the circumstances it doesn't seem right to give them same price as a unique depotel, for example.

I appreciate the several reports sent me recently by collectors about other cities taking over bus companies. I'm keeping lists on these and in due time will run another listing in The Fare Box. One I would like to go into in some detail now, however, is the situation in New York. Mel Fox sent in detailed information of what they have there:

On March 1, 1968, New York Transit Authority became part of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, which is a New York State authority with various subsidiaries, as follows: (A) New York Transit Authority. (A-1) Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority. (B) Long Island Railroad, which was taken over by the State of New York on January 20, 1966. Incidentally the new Belmont Race Track token is supposed to have a large M on it for the Metropolitan Transit Authority, which now operates the L.I.R.R. (C) Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority, which on July 1, 1971, took over the Staten Island Rapid Transit. (D) The commuter lines of the Penn-Central RR (including those formerly owned by the New Haven RR but which is now part of Penn Central) in New York State. (E) Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority, which will operate buses in Nassau County. (F) Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority. (G) Stewart Airport, near Newburgh, N.Y.

Mr. Nicolosi will be sending out the Calif 1000 M token, although he may not have mentioned this in his report as I believe he sent it in early.

Finally, there will be a meeting of the Bay Area Token Society at Duane Feisel's place on Sunday, July 8. John Coffee will be there, and collectors are invited to come along and have a nice afternoon.

= JULY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

This month you will receive several tokens. First you will receive Mass 145 Ca and D. I've had the Ca around for several months but couldn't send out till I knew how much they would cost me. And Mr. Coffee obtained the 145 D for us.

Then you will receive the two Tucson, Ariz., tokens 840 F and G--the tokens used by senior citizens and low income people. We are grateful to Ore Vacketta and the American Transit Corp., which owns the Tucson bus system, for obtaining these tokens for us.

I don't know when the August Fare Box will be out. But as soon as I receive the AVA Convention Tour token, this one token will constitute the August sendings. It will be a \$2 token, so those of you with low or debit accounts of course will not get it from me--nor will you get any others I've been holding for you, if your account is too low, or in the red. Once again, be sure to notify me if you plan to attend the Denver Convention and don't want also to get a tour token from me.

This month we welcome from the Waiting List to Associate Membership Mr. Mei Fox, and Major R. Clifton from Associate to one of the Regulars. Welcome, gentlemen.

I know a lot of you have been waiting patiently on the Waiting List to become members of the New Issues Service. This does take time, so please be patient. In the meantime stay abreast of these new issues as they are offered in my ads each month. You can get most of them that way.

The May foreign tokens have all been mailed to you on my foreign list, and thanks as usual to Ken Smith for these.

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= SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO FORD'S CATALOGUE OF CAR WASH TOKENS = By Harold V. Ford

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47	A 26 Ch	The second of th
		BOWEN'S RAM JET CAR WASH 1 FREE CAR WASH
43	WM 27 Sd	(blank)
		CENTURY AUTO WASH (INCUSE)
49	B 24 Sd	(blank) (12-sided)
		GOOD FOR-5-MINUTES AT SOFSPRA JET OIL CO.
50	WM 27 Sd	(Sofspra)
		KING CAR WASH 25c (INCUSE)
51	B 26 Sd	(same as obverse)
		MARIGOLD WASH 25¢ HONOR ONE TOKEN PER PURCHASE
52	A 28 Sd	Value 25¢ on Purchase of 8 Gallons or More Gasoline
		PETROL STOPS LTD. FREE CAR WASH (BEAR HEAD AND SHIELD)
53	B 23 Sd	(blank) [obverse inscription is incuse]
		WAND-A WASH (NUCLEAR LOGO) (4 EDGE DOTS) (ALL INCUSE)
54	B 24 Sd	(incuse numeral)
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[Credits: 47 Hiorth; 48 Baum; 49 H. Ford; 50 Clark; 51 Feisel; 52 Fuld; 53 Baum; 54 Reidling.]

This Supplement continues from the Fifth Supplement, which was published in the April 1973 issue. This month I want to concentrate on an accumulation of unidentified issues, since there is a good possibility that a new edition of the Car Wash Token Catalogue will be published within the next year. This will be a first class printed job with prices and a cloth binding. It would, of course, be a definite asset to the library of any collector of exonumia. Therefore I should like to locate as many unidentified issues as possible.

The die work of Unidentified 47 and 52 indicates the strikings are of Greenduck of Chicago. Most Greenduck issues were actually used in the upper Middle West. The only exception I can think of is the rare parking token Fla 3630 B.

Unid. 48 is very similar to Unid. 29, the RAM JET CAR WASH issue already listed. The die work indicates both pieces were struck by Meyer & Wenthe of Chicago. These tokens are found nationwide.

Unid. 49 was obtained when I wrote a hospital in Michigan for parking tokens. I have no idea who strikes this type of token.

Unid. 50 was reported by a Florida members. Perhaps it's a Florida issue.

Unid. 51 may be a car wash chain stock token. It is very similar to the CWCST Group 300 A issue.

Unid. 53 may be from England. I checked with three Canadian collectors and they doubt that it is from Canada.

Unid. 54 was reported by a Texas member. I cannot identify the die work.

Please report unlisted car wash tokens directly to me:

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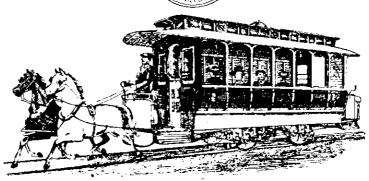
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Until August 25, all mail for THE FARE BOX should be sent to: J.M. COFFEE, JR. - 4104 SIXTH AVE. - TACOMA, WA 98406

The Silver Anniversary Convention of the American Vecturist Association will meet August 10-12 at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Denver, Colorado. This hostelry is situated at 15th & Glenarm Pl. and its phone number is 303-573-1450. This Convention, marking a great milestone in our history, promises to be one of the finest and most exciting ever held. We hope you will be there! If you come in by plane, remember there will be free limousine service to the hotel from the airport. Members unable to attend and who are not members of the New Issues Service may order the beautiful Tour Token for \$2 +SAE from Syd Joseph. And those who wish one of the PNC covers may order them for \$1.25 postpaid from Sid White at 4760 So. Jason St. - Englewood, CO 80110.

All copies of our 40-page Atwood Catalogue supplement have been mailed out to those who ordered them, and if you haven't got yours by the time this Fare Box gets to you, drop the Editor a line at the Tacoma address. (Incidentally, note the revised departure date--after August 25, address mail to the Boston address.) Members who haven't ordered the supplement, or who wish another copy, may order one from the Editor for \$1.50 postpaid. I have about 40 copies left here in Tacoma (and many more in Boston).

The Second Edition of Feisel's Catalogue of Parking Tokens has been distributed, and as expected it is a splendid work. It is nearly twice the size of the 1966 first edition, and much improved in every way. This book should get parking token collecting back into high gear, and members who haven't seen the book should write directly to Duane Feisel, who is distributing copies himself. We shall begin running supplements with the September issue of the FB.



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The Editor's trip across the continent via Amtrak was nothing to write home about. Amtrak seems to be one step ahead of disaster. The overnight train from Boston to Washington had only one sleeping car on it, which was not the one I was assigned. But the conductor did the best he could, and gave me a bedroom in place of my roomette. train from Washington to Chicago via Cincinnati at least had a dome car, and the scenery through the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia is beautiful. This train arrived in Chicago nearly two hours late, as it always does I am told. The once famed "Super Chief" from Chicago to Los Angeles ran as an all-sleeping-car train, the way it did in the old days. But when I put my bed down the first night I discovered it had not been made up. Next day the last car on the train had a mot box and had to be left on a siding. Meanwhile the air-conditioning went dead in the dome lounge making it uninhabitable. Finally, the train from Oakland to Tacoma had engine trouble and arrived 2 hours late. this for the highest transportation fares in the world. Yet in spite of all this, there is something about taking a train which is still exciting and wonderful.

I spent a day and a half with AVA member David Schenkman near Washington D.C. and we drove some 350 miles through Virginia on a token hunt, which was not productive. I did get a number of listings from David, most of which are reported in this month's supplement. The other listings were put in the wrong tray, and so inadvertantly left out this time. They will go into the September supplement. Incidentally, David now owns five different Housatonic Railroad tokens—or, rather, his wife does. One of these is an unlisted one from Massachusetts, and will be reported next month.

On July 8 I attended the annual get-together of the Bay Area Token Society at Duane Feisel's beautiful home in Palo Alto. There were 25 to 30 people there, and we enjoyed swapping gossip and information.

Upon arriving in Tacoma I found the usual mountain of mail, including information on a couple of new listings, one of which will be a nice new one from Alaska. This is not the Anchorage token listed this month, but it will be distributed through the New Issues Service as soon as the promised supply arrives. Also a letter from Hector Turgeon. He had found several tokens inscribed "K.C.P.S. CO. 18th & OLIVE" and was hoping they were zone checks. He now says they were simply used as identification tags in the carbarn. So those who bought them from him may return them for full refund, per his ad this issue. I also learned, via a late note from Ralph Freiberg, that apparently a quantity of Fla 530 G has been turned loose. So don't pay a big price for this one.

A clipping from a Tucson, AZ, paper reports that the demand for the special bus tokens (Ariz 840 F G, reported in July FB) is far outrunning the supply, and they keep running out of them. Their latest order was for 200,000 tokens, which cost them \$5,000, or $2\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ apiece to make.

A letter from Joe Kotler (i.e., Yosef Sa'ar). He is now working at the Tel Aviv (Israel) Hilton Hotel. His researches at Kadman Numismatic Museum have turned up considerable information on European tokens, including "a beautiful illustrated article on the gate and bridge tokens of Geneva," and "an article in Czech about railway food store tokens of Pilsen, 1901-1914."

The Editor regrets that it will be impossible for him to go to the Denver Convention. But you all go, and I'll be there in spirit. Meanwhile, the September Fare Box will be published about September 20, from Boston.

= AUGUST NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

Convention time is again upon us, and if all goes well Ralph Freiberg and I will drive to Denver together, and pick up the Tour Tokens there. Then after returning home I'll send them out to NIS members. Along with the Convention Tour token I also shall send you Alas 50 D, which is a commemorative for 50 Years of Progress, as you will note from the date on the token. Anchorage is the largest city in Alaska. It was incorporated November 23, 1920. All NIS members will receive the foregoing two tokens (if your account can cover it). I want to thank Mr. J.D. Williams of Anchorage for aid in obtaining the Alaska tokens by giving me leads to write to.

This month we advance Mr. Ira Gershner of Pine Bluff, Ark., from Associate to Regular status. Welcome aboard!

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IL 455 I no bid	IN 500 A50	MN 210 A52	MN 730 B3.75
IL 495 G no bid	IN 660 D41	MN 210 B43	MN 730 C4.55
IL 530 E48	MN 50 L72	MN 210 C75	

= NEVA TO MEET WITH DELAWARE VALLEY GROUP =

The Delaware Valley Vecturist Association, of Philadelphia, has come to New York often to join with the North Eastern Vecturist Assn. At long last NEVA is returning the compliment. Present schedule is for Saturday, September 15, in Philadelphia, for both clubs to meet together. The actual address of the meeting place is not known at this time, but it will probably be somewhere within a short walk from the railroad station. For those driving in, parking facilities are available at a number of nearby locations.

NEVA NEWS is scheduled to be issued about the end of August, and will carry all the details of time, place, etc. Members of NEVA and DVVA will receive copies. If any other token collector is interested in coming to what may prove to be one of the largest transportation token collectors' gatherings, he should write Ralph Hinde for details. Everyone is welcome at these meetings, and there are always lots of tokens for swapping & buying, and lots of news as well.

= AUGUST SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

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	MISSOURI Trenton 920 (Reported by Robert Lubetkin) DYES TRANSFER PHONE 82 TRE		
	G o A 28 Sd Hotel Trenton L.D. Ball,		
	OHIO Dayton 230 (Reported by David E. Schenkma DSU (IN MONOGRAM) ELECTRIC R ABo Cy 22 Sd Cash Fare (Dayton, Springfield & Urbana)		
	TEXAS (all reported by Harry L. Strough) Luling 580 DUNLAP & STAGNER / LIVERY /	STABLE / & TRANSFER /	
	LULING, TEX. A o B 25 Sd Bus Check / Good For / On	e / Fare 5.00	
	Quanah 770 (OBVERSE SAME AS 770 A) C o A 35 Sd Good For \$1.00 in Trade	7.50	
	Waco 950 GOOD FOR / ONE RIDE / TO OR EXCHANGE HOTEL D o B 24 Sd (same as obverse)	FROM / 5.00	
	VIRGINIA Waynesboro 940 (Reported by David E. Sche SPECK'S TAXI WAYNESBORO, VA A o B 20 Sd Good For Return Trip 15¢	. PHONE 270	
	THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Washington 500 (Reported by David E. Sche JEWEL CAB SERVICE PHONE FRA AKO A 26 Sd Good For 5¢ in Trade		
	UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Nelson, Crawford GOOD FOR LOCAL ZONE RIDE 132 WM 20 Sd Good For One Fare	, Feisel, Strough)	

BROWN AND CALDWELL / BUSS / AND / BAGGAGE / TRANSFER CO.

133 Sv 30 Sd

(1876 half dollar)(engraved on reverse of coin) CLEVE'S TAXI GOOD FOR ONE RIDE 10

134 B 21 Sd

(blank)

135 A Ov Sd

GOOD FOR / ONE WAY FARE / ON / THE HUSTLER (blank)(44x33mm)

TIMETABLE TOKENS (Reported by David E. Schenkman)

LEHIGH VALLEY R.R. DIRECT LINE FROM THE EAST SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST (FLAG enameled red & black)

L.V. (on flag)

AC A 31 Sd

Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, 1901. (train)

PRESENTATION PIECES (Reported by John G. Nicolosi)
Y Sv 27 Ch (like Alberta 140 A but struck in sterling silver)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

A while back Anchorage, AK, obtained a federal grant to see if bus service could be feasible here. They issued a token March 1, 1973, and were trying to promote a reduced rate by token. But this didn't get approved, so the tokens now sell at 50¢ straight.

The Denver Convention token will be listed next month. John Nicolosi hopes to attend, and he will pick up the tokens and mail them to N.I.S. members after he returns home following the Convention.

Steve Album was hunting for trade checks and accidentally got some of these wooden nickels (Cal 775 K). This item was used in 1962 just before the amusement park was sold and discontinued. 5,000 of them were made, but only a few were ever used. Steve has a good supply of them. Any collector who wants one may order directly from Steve Album at 25¢ +SAE. Address P.O. Box 4039 - Berkeley, CA 94704.

Robert Lubetkin is a non-member who bought a catalogue, and this is the second old token he has reported to us. Note the phone number on MO 920 G is the same as that on MO 920 D.

We also have some Texas tokens reported by Harry Strough. On the Luling token, he reports that Dunlop & Stagner operated a transfer service between the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Depot, and the Southern Pacific Depot. They also carried passengers to and from hotels, and operated from 1902 to 1915. The Quanah token is the third one reported for this bridge. The \$1 was for toll for a car. Mr. Strough says the Waco token was used between the Exchange Hotel and the RR depot.

Mr. Strough also sent in word on Unidentified #135. He says "The Hustler" was the name of a Southern Pacific train that operated between Houston and Dallas in the 1920's. But using a token for such a long train ride just doesn't sound right, so the Catalogue Committee decided to list the token as Unidentified for now, until we learn more about it.

The Dayton, OH, token came out of Mel Scott's collection, and the line that used it operated in the early 1900's between the three cities named. The office was in Springfield, and the token could -Page 96- -August 1973-

have been used in any of the three, or between them. We just don't know.

The Waynesboro token was used in the 1920's as the return portion of a 25¢ round-trip rate between the railroad station and Fishburne Military School. Mr. Coffee attended this school for three years, but of course never heard of the token.

Mr. Schenkman researched the Washington D.C. taxi token by using old city directories, and matched up the phone number and the company. Again, the token probably was used in the late 1920's or early 1930's.

On the Unidentified token, compare #132 with #33 in the catalogue. The latter was discovered back in 1954. This is an interesting pair of tokens. Perhaps they should really be listed under Group 39 of Miscellaneous tokens.

The #133 is a strange one. It is engraved on the reverse of an 1876 U.S. half dollar! We don't know what the thing is, but by listing it here maybe someone will read about it and help us out.

Two of the #134 turned up in the same week, making us wonder if someone somewhere might have turned up a lot of these. We don't know a thing about it.

I have received a letter from non-member Edward Bawden, of Grand Rapids, MI. He says he picked up five of Mich 370 A, and all five have large 10½mm holes in the center. Until now the solid unholed Mich 370 A is unique (owned by H. Ford). Last year someone turned up a holed Mich 370 A. Now we have five more of them! Now whether this is a mutilated token, or the hole was put there by the company to indicate half fare, or a fare change, we don't know. For now we won't give this holed item a separate listing, but we want to let readers know these things exist.

I've received reports from some Chicago collectors about a token described as follows:

AT TAXI MOTOR MART INC. 5437 SO. WABASH AVE.

A 30 Sd Good For 50¢

I asked Joel Reznick to investigate, and he learned that the tokens were never used, but they had been intended to be for 50¢ worth of gasoline. So it was never intended for transportation as such.

In the June 1973 Fare Box Ken Smith mentioned a light bronze token from Fargo, ND. Until now I had never heard of such a token. So if we could get a look at the token, we could make a decision on listing it. However, Ken's comment elicited some information from AVA member William Nelson. Mr. Nelson says he lived in Fargo some years back and he doesn't remember such tokens. But he does say that before World War I the fare was 5¢, collected via a Rooke Register. Later it went to 7¢, and you could buy 4 tokens for 25¢, which would be the 23mm tokens (ND 260 B), or you could buy 14 tokens for \$1, in which case you got the 16mm tokens (ND 260 C). This line originally operated as far as Dilworth, MN (3 miles east of Moorhead) so these could also be considered Minnesota tokens.

Louis Crawford reports that there are die varieties of Ala 470 B, though I hadn't known about any. So add (vars) after 470 B.

Finally, Bill Garrison writes that Nashville Transit moved in March, 1957, to a new building, and to celebrate took some Tenn 690 J and gold-plated them. These were attached to a card inscribed "Our Best Wishes With a Golden Opportunity." The Catalogue Committee examined one of these gold-plated tokens, though, and decided the plating was so light as to be next to impossible to distinguish. So we won't give it a separate listing.

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REFUNDING MONEY sent by members for the 2 brass K.C.P.S.Co. tokens plus postage. Return with your addressed envelope. Sorry for the inconvenience = H.J. Turgeon, 143 Harrison Ave., Warwick, RI 02888 FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES + POSTAGE: Cal 1000 D E F I J K M 25¢ ea Col 30 A 35¢; Ia 50 C 25¢, D 50¢; Minn 865 A 75¢, B 50¢; Mo 360 A 50¢, B 25¢; Pa 95 A 75¢, B 50¢; SD 600 A B 25¢ ea; Wis 360 L M N 0 50¢ ea, 970 A 60¢, B 35¢; Que 190 C 15¢; Ont 865 A 50¢, B 15¢.

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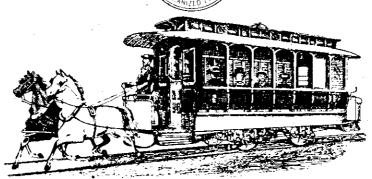
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OLNEY L. FORINGER

The Editor regrets to report the death, on July 18, of Olney Foringer, AVA #192, of Baltimore. He was a member of the AVA for 18 years, and one of our most loyal friends and supporters. Mrs. Foringer wishes to sell his collection, which numbers some 1,200 varieties. The Editor has his Catalogue, with his tokens marked in it. Seriously interested potential purchasers should write the Editor.

September 28, at 10 pm. We begin the new token year (token years always begin with the Fall issue) with one of the largest issues in our history. Included are the minutes of the Denver Convention, and the full prices realized of the Convention Auction. This latter was so large that I am having it offset-printed in reduced size elsewhere, and these printed sheets will be included as part of this issue. We do not have a general report of convention activities herein, but Joel Reznick promises to have it for us in time for the next issue. One unfortunate note was that the tour tokens did not get there in time for the tour. However, as of this writing they have just been received, and will soon be mailed out by Nicolosi to subscribers of his New Issues Service. Others may write Syd Joseph to purchase one. I have mine, and they are real beauties!

Bob Ritterband has printed a beautiful little booklet containing our AVA Constitution, as amended. These will be mailed out next month with your October Fare Box. This issue is just too big to include them. But every member will receive a free copy.

The Editor returned to Boston via Amtrak—the Empire Builder from Tacoma to Chicago; Broadway Limited to New York; and some hideous rattletrap from New York to Boston. The Empire Builder is certainly the finest train operating in the United States today, but it's unfortunate that Amtrak has seen fit to run it over Milwaukee RR tracks from the Twin Cities to Chicago. The Milwaukee Roadbed is the worst in the country—the poor Empire Builder rattles and bangs along and we all pray it'll stay on the tracks. After that the Penn Central roadbed was a dream! On returning to Boston I learned to my horror the postoffice had not forwarded any of my mail all summer. This will explain why some of you never got a reply.

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= IT'S THE TOKENS---AND A LOT MORE = a message from our president

It's most difficult for me to express my feeling to the entire membership for the faith they have placed in me. To those of you who know me, know of my deep belief in AVA--and transit token collectors. To the many members who may only recognize my name as some distant collector, let me assure you I'm going to do my darnedest to lift AVA out of that proverbial 'rut'--BUT it must be a 'team effort.' If some of you have some good ideas let me know them--this also applies to the second-handed gripes. I want them directed to me. I'm not a mind-reader (and don't know any that are!)

I can't even guarantee that all ideas will work, but feel that until they are texted we'll never know.

I hope the convention highlights are covered elsewhere in this issue. I do want to thank the many delegates who attended and helped make the 25th anniversary an event that will be remembered for a long time. I am also indebted to all the members of the Denver Token Club for their untiring effort in putting on the show. Much, much thanks guys and gal.

The following poem poem was read at the business meeting. It tells the story very well. Let's all read and heed:

SOMEBODY ELSE

There's a clever AVA'er named SOMEBODY ELSE
There's nothing this person can't do.
He's busy from morning till late in the hight,
Just substituting for you.
When asked to do this, or asked to do that,
What is your ready reply? GET SOMEONE ELSE, Mr. Chairman,
He'll do it much better than I.
There is so much to be done in the AVA, so much, and the
workers seem few. And SOMEBODY ELSE is getting tattered
and worn, just substituting for you.
So next time you're asked to do something worthwhile, just
Give them this honest reply,
If SOMEBODY ELSE can give time and support,
You can bet your last token, SO CAN I.

In future issues of THE FARE BOX I shall include some of the suggestions and ideas that are presented. By gosh, some of them will work.

To all my many friends (this includes ALL of you) have a happy day, everyday!

- Syd Joseph

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= FOOTNOTE TO GSA =

The comment referencing DC 500 AG and AH in the June 1973 Fare Box is interesting. Having read it I called an old friend in Washington who is a former Navy officer and who, upon retirement, went to work for Uncle Sam. Incidentally he used to work for GSA and remembers using GSA tokens in D.C. He contacted the gent who is supposedly in charge of the whole affair in an attempt to obtain the tokens for me. Alas and alak! All I was able to obtain was a return telephone call from him stating that GSA really couldn't find any more tokens about. In fact, they'd had too many requests from U.S. Senators that couldn't be filled. So...if any members are thinking of using "pull" to get any of these tokens, they can forget it.

The above interesting story was sent in by a member along with a letter, but he unfortunately didn't put his name on the sheet with the story. So I run it without a credit line; if he'll remind me I'll give him credit next month.

= THE 1973 CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION = minutes of the meeting

The 23rd Annual Convention of the AVA was called to order by Chairman Syd Joseph at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, 1973, at the Holiday Inn/Downtown, in Denver, CO. He turned the meeting over promptly to President Ritterband, who conducted the morning and afternoon sessions.

A total of fifty Association members were in attendance, as follows: Adams, Archer, Barnett, Becker, Bolz, Brady, Carr, Charles Carter, Robert Carter, Clymer, Crockett, Cupler, William Davis, Dunn, Feisel, Freiberg, Frisbee, Garrison, Hakes, Hillstrom, Hofmann, Irwin, Joseph, Kelley, Kocian, Kubach, Max, McKienzie, Mueller, Nicolosi, Nott, Oda, Redies, Reznick, Rieder, Ritterband, Sanders, Seger, Schaetzel, Skoglund, Jack Smith, Snook, Spencer, Svobodny, van Trump, Sid White, Wietrick, Withington, Zaika, Zervas.

Before beginning any business Mr. Ritterband asked that all rise for a moment in silent remembrance of those members who had died since our last gathering. He then gave his personal greetings, along with those sent by Roland Atwood, John Coffee, Ralph Hinde, and Donald Mazeau. Next he named two committees, as called for in the by-laws. James Clymer was appointed chairman of the Audit Committee, with assistance from Floyd Barnett, Roger Bolz, and Robert Kubach. Robert Carter was named to head the Resolutions Committee, assisted by Harold Dunn, Bill Garrison, and Jack Smith. Ritterband also asked William Davis to serve as Secretary pro tem.

Mr. Ritterband requested audience approval to waive reading of the 1972 minutes, as printed in The Fare Box last September. Unanimous consent was given, and the Treasurer's report was read next by Mr. Frisbee. He stated that the Association continues in a good financial condition, and said that interest earned on the separate Life Membership funds was used in the publication of The Fare Box. His detailed report was referred to the Audit Committee for study, along with an examination of the year's transactions.

Next Mr. Joseph reported, in his dual capacity as Convention Chairman and Vice-President of the Association. He expressed deep regret that the annual tour tokens had not been completed in time, and said that a substitute piece would be used instead. The annual tokens are expected to be finished sometime in September, at which time each conventioneer will receive his by mail. Mr. Joseph gave details on the next day's outing to Heritage Square, a group of craft shops in Golden, CO, and he told about the $1\frac{1}{4}$ -mile narrow gauge train ride there, for which the token was intended. Finally he introduced the other Colorado vecturists present, who had done so much towards making this conclave a success.

In the absence of Secretary Mazeau, Mr. Ritterband read a written report from him. Mr. Mazeau expressed disappointment at not being able to attend this year. He said that as of August 1, AVA membership totalled 576, which was a decline of 5% during the year. This was the second successive decline, with the previous year amounting to 2%. He said there are now 77 life members and an estimated 5 junior members. An exact number of the latter is not yet available because of the recent change in age limit from 21 years down to 18. Also there are 5 memberships awaiting reinstatement for late dues and 9 applications pending. As in the past Mr. Mazeau concluded with a request that the convention consider a resolution of gratitude to Robert and Anna Butler for their continuing magnificent work on our annual roster.

The Curator's report was next given by Mr. Feisel. He told his pleasure that the Curator position would henceforth be appointive, a procedure he had first advocated several years ago. He promised that within a week of the convention closing he would forward all association material in his possession to the new appointee. It is Mr. Feisel's contention that if all new acquisitions were listed in a bound book there would be no chance for the losses which occur when the listing (if at all) is done in a loose-leaf manner. He recommended that a collection of members' personal tokens be kept and that our collection of 35mm color slides be reviewed and renumbered. He had not used any of the tentative \$100 budget allocated at the Chicago Convention, but recommended that it be renewed now. Mr. Feisel's final suggestion was that a Librarian might be appointed to handle the Association's printed possessions, as separate from the token-related items.

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Mr. Ritterband presented two financial reports from John Coffee, giving financial aspects of The Fare Box, in two half-year breakdowns since the last convention. Without reading either completely he presented the highlights and said that the reports themselves would be posted on the convention bulletin board for all interested members to study. A report from Coffee on the Catalogue Committee was also summarized, with Ritterband's comment that all three reports were extensive in their details. The report noted that both the Real Estate Tokens book and the Atwood Catalogue Supplement had already paid for themselves.

A lengthy report on the Foreign Catalogue from Kenneth Smith was the next item read by Mr. Ritterband. Specifically Mr. Smith proposed that the AVA consider publishing a group of 12 titles convering every aspect of token travel. To finance this he further proposed that in addition to the annual dues each member be required to deposit another \$5 per year towards a book fund, which would permit free distribution of each publication to every member.

The final report was made by Mr. Ritterband, concerning his second year of presidency. He said that the Tribute Fund established two years ago with the Treasurer continues to receive frequent contributions with the accumulated amount now totalling \$166.58. Executive Boards in the future are to decide how to allocate this money towards our publication efforts. Also he said that the emblem decals are selling steadily and he recommended an occasional Fare Box ad on same to inform the newer members.

Specific assignments he undertook this year were: supplying the silver covers plus three pages of information on the latest Membership Rosters; editing and reprinting the Constitution & By-laws; designing and promoting the subscription sale of the Silver Anniversary Medals. For the rosters he compiled a quarter-century list of all officers and their terms in office, along with a chronological list of the Association's 23 conventions and their corresponding token issues.

Our supply of By-laws being low and in view of the numerous important changes made since they were last printed more than a dozen years ago, Ritterband incorporated all ratified amendments into the proper sections, and then did copy preparation and the printing of 1,250 booklets. Copies were on hand at Denver for any interested members, though the bulk of the edition will be divided between The Fare Box Editor and the Secretary for customary distribution.

The unveiling of our 25th Anniversary Medals was a highlight of the morning session. A total of 265 copies of this keepsake item had been struck in .999 silver, larger and thicker than a U.S. silver dollar. The quantity made was the exact number subscribed for earlier in the year by AVA members. Ritterband distributed to those buyers present, and said that the rest of the issue would be mailed to members by the end of the month.

Ritterband said that a major failure of his administration had been his inability to produce the intended reprint of significant articles from earlier issues of The Fare Box. He reported that a full outline had been completed for a book of about 300 pages, but the effort bogged down in the preparation of a camera-ready manuscript, as had been used on our catalogues. A further hindrance was his inability to insert suitable pictures throughout the book, a feature considered of vital importance by other members of the Executive Board. He said that the project was not dead, but would have to await his having much more free time to attempt bringing it to a successful conclusion.

Under new business several proposals were made, and referred to various committees for study. White read three suggestions made by the Colorado membership. The first was that each year's host group be required to prepare a detailed follow-up report of their activities for the benefit of subsequent planners. He moved the adoption, with second by Skoglund, and voice vote approval by the members.

White's next motion was that each host city be permitted to borrow up to \$500 for the making of annual tour tokens, with any unsold copies to revert to AVA ownership. This matter was seconded by Freiberg, passed by the audience, and then referred to the Resolutions Committee. His third idea was that the AVA Executive Board establish a revolving \$500 convention loan fund, interest free and repayable if possible by the hosts. It was seconded by Feisel, passed and also referred to the Resolutions Committee.

Ritterband moved that the next President should immediately establish a new committee to study the merits of the Kenneth Smith proposal for multiple catalogues. This was seconded by Roy Irwin and passed. Feisel moved that the Fare Box Editor be asked to print in full detail all reports from officers as read at each convention. Seconded by White and passed. Clymer recommended that hereafter the AVA should use in all its catalogues and publications the postoffice 2-letter abbreviations for the states. This suggestion was referred to the Catalogue Committee for consideration.

For future conventions Floyd Barnett invited all to attend in Minneapolis next year, and Ritterband gave information on the 1975 gathering at Los Angeles. He said the dates would be related to (but not dominated by) the American Numismatic Association convention, and that the annual tour would probably be a visit to the "Queen Mary" in Long Beach Harbor. Mr. Feisel reported that he would stage another National Token Jamboree in San Jose, CA, next March, and he suggested that some kind of AVA gathering should take place there also.

After a lunch break the second Saturday session was called to order at 1:00 pm. Mr. Clymer reported that the Audit Committee had found all financial matters to be in perfect order. On motion by Reznick and seconded by van Trump the report was accepted unanimously. Reporting for the Resolutions Committee, Mr. Dunn said that the two new suggestions for financing future conventions and their tokens would require extensive by-law changes. This committee therefore recommended that the next president appoint a new group for in-depth study of the proposals, with a detailed report for action no later than the 1974 convention. The committee also recommended that a full vote of appreciation be extended to the Butlers for their excellent roster work.

The latter recommendation was greeted by a round of applause, and Mr. Ritterband asked that our appreciation be entered into the minutes. He also expressed membership thanks to the Colorado vecturists for their convention efforts in our behalf, and to the Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association for their assistance here.

From the floor Mr. Irwin asked what action had been taken on proposals made by himself and Mr. Bolz at the Dallas Convention in 1970, regarding membership pins for each five years, plus convention badges to which annual attendance bars could be attached. Ritterband apologized for the Executive Board's neglect to follow up on these, and asked the next president to give the matter prompt attention.

Reznick made a motion, seconded by Hofmann, that President Ritterband be given a show of appreciation by all members for his excellent two years of leadership in this Association. All present arose and indicated their approval by a full round of applause. The annual meeting was then adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM DAVIS, Secretary pro tem. (as transcribed by Robt. Ritterband)

= ANNIVERSARY MEDALS ARE ALL DISTRIBUTED =

Quite a few of the Silver Anniversary Medals were delivered direct to their buyers during the recent Denver Convention. All other orders were later mailed, by insured parcel post, and should have reached buyers' hands by the time this bulletin is issued.

Because of the good quantity ordered the final price per medal came to \$6.70 each, even in view of galloping silver prices. Cash refunds were included in each mailing, unless the buyer had neglected to make full remittance, such as sales tax for California buyers. If anyone is unhappy with his purchase, the medals are certainly returnable...there is already a growing demand for them.

If you failed to receive your order, get in touch with Robert Ritterband immediately, so that a postoffice trace can be launched. No extra pieces were struck, so that no replacements are possible. An insurance indemnity can be paid in case of any loss, but nothing further.

To those who considered me worthy of the 1973 Award for Distinguished Service, my sincere thanks. This was quite a surprise to me, and I appreciate it. It has always been my pleasure to help others with their collections, and I shall write of some of my former years of collecting, and the opportunities I had in getting tokens for that purpose.

In 1944 the electric streetcars were still operating in Wilmington, and I used them to go to work. Tokens were 4 for 30¢, and I noticed among four that I bought was one from Binghamton, N.Y. I saved it, and the following week got a PRT. At that time I had no idea that anybody collected such things until I read in Railroad Magazine that a Harry Bartley of Pittsburgh would like to trade tokens with other collectors. I wrote to Harry, and that started me off on collecting tokens.

Through my acquaintance with an employee of the Delaware Coach Co. I got the privilege of visiting their office, and going through hundreds of tokens they received in their fare boxes from other companies. A lot of them are obsolete now, and many were Del 900 A and B. I bought them for $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ apiece and sold them for 25¢. I suppose I visited their office three times a month and averaged buying 50 tokens each time, most of these going to collectors in trade, or at 10¢ each.

In 1948 I learned that the 26th Street Ferry of Proctorville, OH (OH 750 A) had discontinued service, and I wrote them to find out if they had disposed of their tokens. They replied that they had 118 left, which they would sell me at so much each, or the lot at \$8.40. This was supposed to be all they had, but I found out in 1966 that the son of the owner Paul F. Thomas had kept some of the tokens, and I bought 4 for \$1.

In 1950 I wrote to the Northern Bus Co. of Ketchikan, AK, to see if I could get one of their tokens that I needed, and I asked them if they had any tokens from other companies that they would sell. In their reply they told me they had hundreds of AK 450 A D E H and 900 B, and to make them an offer. I offered them $5\mathfrak{C}$ each for 1,000 of these 5 tokens, which they accepted, and they sent me 400 of 450 A; 125 of 450 D and E; 400 of 450 H; and 75 of 900 B. Only one 450 C in the lot, which I believe is now in the collection of Ralph Freiberg.

When I started my second collection in 1962 I received a wonderful response from my old friends...of lists of duplicates they had. One friend I wrote to in 1964, but he had just sold the best of his collection. But by sending him want-lists I received a lot of tokens valued from \$1 down from him, which would have been hard to get, and I finally bought all he had left, a total of over 2,800 tokens.

I've purchased several small collections and written several companies that have gone out of business. I got 200 tokens from one company, and another sent me 8, and told me they had about 100 pounds of tokens left, but I could never get another answer to letters and offers I've made.

Opportunities are not what they used to be in getting tokens to sell or trade. The Delaware Coach Co. gets very few, and the cheapest I can buy them now is 35¢ each. But maybe my luck will return in getting material to offer old and new friends,

and live up to my recent award.

= A.V.A. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED AT DENVER MEET =

A highlight of the 1973 A.V.A. Convention at Denver was the presentation of eleven Distinguished Service Awards to members for what they have done to help our hobby. These were presented to Ralph Freiberg, John Nicolosi, Max Schwartz, Ralph Hinde, Ralph Winant, Roice Rider, Donald Mazeau, Bob & Anna Butler, Toby Frisbee, Duane Feisel, and John Coffee. In addition to a beautiful plaque, each of these people will receive a sterling silver example of the Denver tour token as soon as these tokens have arrived.

Bob Ritterband was presented with a special plaque as outgoing President--and no one deserved it more!

= DEPOT HOTEL BUS LINES OF MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN = By Gerald Johnson

Over the period of the last ten years in seeking the many interesting and varied depot hotel tokens of the State of Wisconsin, research in the small cities and towns of token issue has laid bare their dusty pasts and quite often their semi somnambulistic present status. Some of these cities have, in effect, died. Others have slept, while a tiny minority have experienced real expansion and growth.

Manitowoc, Wisconsin, would have to be classed as a city that slept, though the sleep was troubled with brief surges of wartime activity and murmurings of internal change in the federally motivated 1960's. The depot hotel story lies within the formative growing and vital years of the city and really ends like so many other hack line stories about the time of the end of World War I. To put this depot hotel story in chronological order, it will be necessary to deal with the hackmen in an order not compatible to the Atwood Catalogue, and begin with Henry Schmidt, whose token issue is at present unlisted.

In 1880 there were only two livery stables listed in Manitowoc: Klingholz and Ward, and Rames Schmidt & Company. A man named Tillson was a silent partner in the Rames Schmidt Livery, and later Tillson bought out the competing Klingholz line and consolidated the stables as "Tillson & Schmidt." This livery operated an omnibus line that serviced the Northwestern House (later called the Victoria Hotel) and also the Williams House until the Cootway & Herzog Stable took over in 1885 or 1889 (conflicting written records).

Henry Schmidt had imigrated to Wisconsin in 1850 and served with some distinction in the Civil War. Wisconsin gazetteers show Schmidt in the livery listings from 1880 through 1909; however, his name does not appear in the biennial listings of omnibus lines at any time. In ad advertising pamphlet issued in 1905 this quote appears:

"This livery barn is one of the leading stables in the city and has a record of 25 years' profitable record. Mr. Schmidt has been in the city since 1855, is one of the staunch citizens of the town, a businessman of fine endowments and a liveryman who knows every point in the livery management. He has 25 stalls, runs the Victoria bus, a general transfer line, has hacks and hearses and auto barn, everything up to the hour and in good shape. They can be depended upon for prompt service any hour during the day or night, their rigs are in perfect trim, horses well-groomed, nothing shoddy or second class sent out."

This little paragraph tells several important things: (1) The Victoria Hotel bus was horse-drawn although autos were already on the scene in 1905. (2) That "taxi" service was also provided by the line. (3) That the line was first class whereas some other liveries in the city were quite obviously not!

Henry Schmidt died in 1921 at age 81, his life quite fittingly ending with the era of the livery stable as a predominant feature in transit history.

The oldest tokens used on the livery bus of Manitowoc appear to be those of the brother team of Frank and Charles Herzog (Wis 420 B). The Herzog livery sage is both lengthy and complex in nature, with several overlapping operations and three generation involvement in hotel bus business.

The Cootway Herzog Livery of 1885 (89) through 1891 was partnered by W.A. Herzog, the father of Frank and Charles. In 1892 this livery stable became W.A. Herzog and Son and retained this name until the death of the senior Herzog in 1902. In the meantime in 1891 the sons Frank and Charles Herzog formed an omnibus line operating from their father's stable that serviced both the Northwestern House and the Williams Hotel. This service lasted for six years at which time Frank Herzog opened his own livery stable.

The Frank Herzog Livery operated a bus line from 1897 to 1903 but no tokens of the line have surfaced at this writing.

Paralleling the Frank Herzog Bus Line was the Charles Herzog Depot Hotel Bus (Wis 420 A). This line also began in 1897 but continued to operate as an entity until 1915. From 1914 through 1919 a bus line listed as C.F. Herzog & Son was also listed in both livery stables and omnibus listings. This is quite interesting since Charles Herzog had no son, and his only daughter had one son (Charles H.) who could

-Page 106have been only 14 years old in 1914. However, the Herzog son-in-law is listed as a partner in the livery business. Further to muddle the overall Herzog scene is a 1909 listing of a Herzog Transfer Line, separate and apart from the Charles Herzog listing.

From a pamphlet published in 1896 comes this sketchy information: "J.F. Herzog Hack Line has been catering to the public since 1889. This is one of the greatest conveniences to the traveling public and Mr. Herzog knows well how to conduct it so as to meet with their approval and appreciation. He has now been running the Williams House bus line for about 7 years." The last Herzog Gazetteer listing is 1919.

So we are told that the Herzog line run by Charles was also an excellent bus service and must search further for the inferior livery line.

Henry Meany was the 7th of ten children of Irish imigrant parents and is hostorically listed as being in the livery business in Manitowoc in 1892. Gazetteer listings on the Meany Livery begin in 1905 and run continuously through 1921.

The <u>History of Manitowoc County</u> has a biography of Henry Meany so here again was a livery man of some substance. In a quote from the county history, "Mr. Meany is a popular and well-liked citizen of Manitowoc and is very successful in his livery business to which he gives earnest attention, his advancement having depended solely upon his individual merits and capability."

Evidently among these capabilities was the perception that tokens indeed were business stimulators (Wis 420 C and D).

The Manitowoc Hotel busses were unique to my present knowledge of Wisconsin lines inasmuch as they met both trains and passenger ships. Among the data gathered in researching the area is a map on which the Manitowoc reference librarian has pinpointed the Goodrich Line docks. These passenger line docks are adjacent to the Rames Schmidt Livery Stable and one block from both the Williams House and Victoria Hotel. The Tillson Schmidt Livery was adjacent to the Victoria Hotel. The Herzog Livery was near the Chicago & Northwestern Railway depot on 13th Street. This would indicate substantial passenger business provided by water as well as rail!

Among the other excellent quotable quotes on Manitowoc transportation is this excerpt from the Manitowoc Herald Times, the recollections of Francis X. Murphy:

"Taling about omnibuses, Tillson & Schmidt took care of the Northwestern House, owned by Mathias Kettenhafen. They probably took care of the Williams House, located where Kresge's Store now is, until the Cootway & Herzog Stable took over. This stable did not exist in 1880. The Windiate House had its own omnibus. These buses met all trains and boats and the sound of the drivers calling passengers' attention to the various hotels still rings in my ears. Charley Herzog could really out-yell all the other drivers."

Perhaps one reason the Manitowoo Depot Hotel bus tokens are rare is the fact that the hotel buildings were built long before the turn of the century and have long since been razed.

The Victoria Hotel (Northwestern House) was revamped in 1923 and converted into the city hall. It was partially razed and further revamped in a Public Works Administration (PWA) project in 1938. The Williams House stood where Kresge's Dime Store is now located and Tillson & Schmidt Livery site is now the post office. Gone are the omnibuses, livery stables, and even the hotels. As in so many, many instances, the only tangible evidence of the existence of the depot hotel bus line are the return trip tokens, poignantly recalling this beautiful little span of history, so completely quaint and midwestern American.

= PRICES REALIZED AT DOUGLAS REDIES MAIL AUCTIONS =

CA 775 C6.10	IA 150 A6.25	KY 510 C8.82	MS 720 D23.50
		KY 510 F23.50	
IL 150 J62.00	IA 640 033.00	KY 510 04.10	OH 726 A23.50
		KY 510 AT30.00	

= SPECK'S TAXI OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA = By David E. Schenkman

"Ditto" Speck was one of the first taxicab drivers in the towns of Waynesboro and Basic City. He started his business, which was located in Basic City, at the age of 19. This was in 1917, and at that time his company consisted of only one taxi, but by the time he retired in 1947 he had ten cabs and one bus.

During the 1920's the taxicab business (or the auto livery business, as it was referred to in those early days, being a progression from the horse and buggy rental business of livery stable owners) was a booming one, as there were very few private automobile owners in the Waynesboro area. There were no city or state ordinances regulating the taxi business, so it was easy to begin operating. During this period there were nearly fifty taxis operating in the area, many of these being merely one-car owner-operated enterprises. Much of this business was carried on between the Union Railroad Station and the town. In an article in the News-Virginian several years ago about the early taxi business, Mr. Speck said that cabs would fill the Union Station parking lot in Basic City while waiting for trains to arrive. Once trains were in, the auto liveries would take passengers to Waynesboro and county residences, or to Staunton to meet train connections. He said it was not unusual for his five-passenger Model T Ford to be carrying eight to ten people, with baggage tied on the running boards. People would just pile in on each other's laps. Roads were mostly rough dirt in those days, and ten to fifteen miles per hour was considered good speed.

As part of his taxi business Mr. Speck ran one bus. This 35-passenger bus was used mainly to transport Fishburne Military School (where our Editor John Coffee went to school) cadets and girls from Fairfax Hall Junior College, around town. According to the News-Virginian, in 1926 Mr. Speck started the city's first rent-a-car operation. Known as "U-Drive-It," the 23-car business lasted until 1932 when, during the depression, he traded the cars for trucks and started a local trucking business.

Basic City (so-called because in 1890 a boom town rose there with the find of "basic" steel in the Blue Ridge Mountains behind it—it turned out that there was no steel, and after a few years of grubbing in the mountains the big money pulled out) was separated from Waynesboro by the South River. In 1923 the two towns, each having approximately 1,500 residents, merged and became known simply as Waynesboro. Speck's Taxi Company was located in the Basic City section of town, but the tokens he issued show the town name as Waynesboro. Therefore they must have been issued after 1923. According to what I have been able to learn, they were struck around 1930 and were used for the most part by the students of Fishburne Military School and Fairfax Hall Junior College. The fare in those days was 15¢ to town or back, but to encourage use of his transportation Speck sold the return tokens for only 10¢, making the cost of a round trip 25¢.

The Speck Taxi token (listed in the August 1973 issue of THE FARE BOX) is the only known token from the State of Virginia issued by a taxicab company. According to what I have been able to learn from the older residents of Waynesboro, there were no other tokens issued by Speck, and none were issued by any of the other taxi companies in the area.

= THE NEW PARKING TOKEN CATALOGUE =

The Second Edition of Feisel's Catalogue of Parking Tokens of the World has been received from the printer, and copies have been distributed to advance orders. Since the printing costs were somewhat more than 50% above the estimate, the selling price is \$10 per copy, postpaid. But AVA members may purchase the catalogue for \$8. The book is hard cover, buckram binding, 272 pages total, profusely illustrated, fully priced, and has an identification key.

A limited number of loose-leaf copies were printed, and the remaining few are available at \$8 per copy. Most of these copies were sent out on advance orders, but those remaining are available on a first-come first-served basis.

Order directly from Duane H. Feisel - P.O. Box 1302 - Los Altos, CA 94022.

= COLLECTING TRANSPORTATION TOKENS BY TYPE = By John L. Trembley

Several years ago while still collecting everything in sight (or wallet), Mr. Norm Sherman completed his collection of all known horsecar tokens (page 2, January 1970 Fare Box). At that time in the same article the Editor semi-suggested other types of tokens that could possibly be completed. That set my thought processes in motion within the scope of my resources. I decided to undertake the complete AVA tokens to include presentations at conventions, i.e., WA 780 S (1955); CA 335 H (1959); the Vt 150 B thru G series as well as all the regular convention tokens. This I have accomplished.

At the same time I considered other tokens with streetcars, trolley cars, buildings, trees, trains, type I and 3 buses, school tokens, and several others. I settled upon type I & 3 buses, for (1) most are reasonably priced; (2) they would be a challenge due to the number of them. I'm still a number short on the type #1 bus, but have completed the regular issue type #3 buses (30 to date), and I misc. I still need the Nebraska pattern and ten mfg. samples.

I have compiled a recapitulation of the regular issue tokens with type #3 bus to include center device, size, and metal. There are 30 regular issues; ten mfg. samples; 1 pattern; 1 miscellaneous. Of the regular issues, 60 are 2-slot ball tokens; 14 are Bar; 4 are solid; one is 1-slot; one is on a diamond. As to size, fifty are 16mm; 27 are 23mm; three are 20mm. As to metal, 47 are white metal; 13 are brass; 20 are bronze. All except one have the bus on both sides. Ohio 35 D is the exception.

Among the white metal tokens, two of these, AL 820 A and IN 520 F appear to be a light bronze (refer to Ralph Freiberg's notes in June 1973 Fare Box, page 69).

The Miscellaneous token, of course, is FL 1000 A, a 16mm WM 2-slot ball, listed on page 127 of the Atwood Catalogue.

= NEW FINDS =

Learning what census tokens have been picked up over the past summer has been difficult. The best way to pick up such information is to go to the Convention, which I was unable to do this year. Nevertheless I did pick up various pieces of information here and there. There has been activity this summer in the hobby.

First of all, Ken Bassett writes that he has picked up two of the Eddington Transfer tokens of Sedalia, MO (MO 820 E, listed in June 1973 Fare Box). This token had been discovered in cut-down condition. Ken's two tokens are not cut-down, and are both 24mm. So add 24mm to the description of that token. Nice find! Even if one of the tokens has a hole in it.

David Schenkman picked up one of those big aluminum beauties from Chicago, in the series listed as IL 150 L thru Q. But David's token has the number 22 on it, so It'll be a new listing. I forgot to include it in this month's supplement. He got this one at the ANA Convention in Boston. David also found an interesting advertising mirror, issued by the Graham & Morton Line (see timetable tokens M thru S, page 637 of Atwood). This mirror is size 70x45 mm, mirror on one side, inscription in red and black reading: GRAHAM & MORTON TRANSPORTATION CO. DOCK FOOT OF WABASH AVE., PHONE CENT. 2162 NEW SS. CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS (PICTURE OF SHIP) EQUIPPED WITH ALL MODERN IMPROVEMENTS BERTHS FOR 650 PASSENGERS. I don't know if we should include advertising mirrors among timetable tokens or not, but this item is worth mentioning here, anyway.

David also pointed out an interesting listing in Storer's <u>Numismatics of Massachusetts</u> (published about 1924). This listing is of a 33mm token inscribed thus: SEMI-CENTENNIAL 1845 LAWRENCE, MASS. 1895 (ARMS) (on obverse). (Reverse:) GOOD FOR ONE RIDE T.O. NEWMAN. This should ring a bell, because that reverse is like one of our mavericks which is a merry-go-round token! This listing could be a mistake, as Storer has made other mistakes. Again, maybe there is such a token-either a mule, or maybe old Newman had a merry-go-round right up here in Lawrence.

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3		400-C	.60	62	HK 302	OM	121	585-C	.50 25.50	181	210-3	50
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= SEPTEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =
By Kenneth E. Smith

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AUSTRALIA
Sydney 720
              (continued from July issue)
                SHF (large 3) (used Jan.-Mar. 1969) (shape like 480 OK) (23x27mm)
           Sd
                    (numbers) (Sv plated)
                                                                                      $1.25
     (75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)
ODo B
           Sd
                    (numbers) (G plated)
                                                                                       5.00
     ( 5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)
                S.H.F. (large 4) (used Apr.-Jun. 1969) (shape like 480 OK) (28x29mm)
           Sđ
                    (numbers) (G plated)
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     (73 passes made numbered 1 to 73)
OFO B
           sd
                    (numbers) (Sv plated)
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    (5 passes made numbered 1 to 5)
    [Special passes were discontinued June 30, 1969.]
                S.H.F. (large 1) (used Jul.-Sept. 1969) (shape like 720 MG) (21x31mm)
OGO B
           sd
                    (numbers) (Sv plated)
                                                                                       1.25
    (75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)
                S.H.F. (large 2) (used Oct.-Dec. 1969) (shape like 480 NT) (25x28mm)
OIO B
           Sđ
                    (numbers) (G plated)
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                SHF (large 3) (used Jan.-Mar. 1970) (teardrop shape) (18x30mm)
OKo B
           sd
                    (numbers) (Sv plated)
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    (75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)
                S.H.F. (large 4) (used Apr.-Jun. 1970) (shape like 720 MC) (28x30mm)
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                    (numbers) (G plated)
OMo B
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    (75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)
                S.H.F. (large 1) (used Jul-Sep. 1970) (shape like 720 Ki4) (25x26mm)
                   (numbers) (Sv plated)
                                                                                       1.25
00o B
          \operatorname{sd}
    (75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)
                S.H.F. (large 2) (used Oct.-Dec. 1970) (shape like 480 OF) (24x29mm)
OPO B
          Sđ
                   (numbers) (G plated)
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    (75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)
                S.H. F (large 3) (used Jan.-Mar. 1971) (shape like 720 KK) (20x24mm)
                   (numbers) (G plated)
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    (75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)
                S.H.F (large 4) (used Apr.-Jun. 1971) (shape like 720 EU) (25x24mm)
                   (numbers) (G plated)
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    (75 passes made numbered 1 to 75)
                S.H.F. (large 1) (used Jul.-Sep. 1971) (shape like 480 PI) (24x27mm)
                   (numbers) (Sv plated)
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OSo B
          Sd
    (50 passes made numbered 1 to 50)
                S.H.F. (large 2) (used Oct.-Dec. 1971) (shape like 720 LW) (28x28mm)
OTO B
                   (numbers) (G plated)
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          \operatorname{Sd}
    (50 passes made numbered 1 to 50)
                S.H.F. (large 3) (used Jan.-Mar. 1972) (shape like 720 LW) (28x28mm)
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OUO B
          sd
                   (numbers) (Sv plated)
    (50 passes made numbered 1 to 50)
                S.H.F. (large 4) (used Apr.-Jun. 1972) (shape like 720 LU) (19x31mm)
                   (numbers) (G plated)
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OVo B
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Cancel the previous listings of 720 NY NZ OA OB OH OJ OK ON.

(50 masses made numbered 1 to 50)

Remember, when you report new discoveries of foreign tokens, in addition to giving the exact wording and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

= SEPTEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

COLORADO	
Villa Grove 890 (Reported by Sid White)	
T.J. / MAHONEY	
A o A 23 Sd Good For / Round / Trip	\$7.50
INDIANA	
Rising Sun 820 (Reported by Leo Spillane)	
R.S. & L. T.P.K. NO. 1 ROUND TRIP	7 50
B o B 22 Sd (blank)	7.5 0
KANSAS	
Neodesha 680 (Reported by J.L. Hargett to John Coffee)	
GOOD BETWEEN / DEPOT / & HOTELS / TEL. 12 / NEODESHA, KS. /	
JOHNSON HACK LINE	
I o A 35 Sd 25 (dot & 2 arrows design above & below "25")	7.50
MASSACHUSETTS	
Boston 115 (Reported by A.N.A.)	
BOSTON HARBOR EXCURSION (BOAT)	
AGo B 32 Sd American Numismatic Assn. Good For One \$2.73 Boat Ride	
August 26 . 1973	
Great Barrington 295 (Reported by David Schenkman to John Coffee)	
HOUSATONIC. R.R. SECTION NO. 14 ONE PASSAGE BETWEEN	
BARRINGTON AND W. STOCKBRIDGE	
A o B 42 Sd (blank)	7.50
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NEBRASKA Hastings 440 (Reported by New Issues Service)	
CITY CLIPPER HASTINGS, NEB. H.	
J B 22 Sd Good For One Fare H (* 1973)	.40
CITY CLIPPER HASTINGS, NEB. (DESIGN)	• 40
K B 22 Ch Transfer Token (design) (* 1973)	.15
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NEW YORK	
Albany 10 (Reported by Alan Weighell)	
CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSIT	
N B 23 St-sc Special Token (* 4/1/73)[senior citizen token]	.35
TEXAS	
Belton 75 (Reported by Charles Berger)	
E.R. EVERETT / TRANSFER / AND / LIVERYMAN / BELTON, TEXAS.	
A o B 29 Sd Good For / 25 in / Transfer / Transferable / Hegotiable /	" 50
and / Redeemable Only in Rides	7.50
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Salt Lake City 750 (Reported by J. Roger Bolz)	
P WM 16 Bh-pc (like 750 G but pierced) (*1972) [for senior citizens]	.30
Q WM 16 Bh-pc (like 750 K but pierced) " "	.30
R Z 16 Bh-pc (like 750 L but pierced) " "	.30
WISCONSIN	
Manitowoc 420 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)	
HENRY SCHMIDT / LIVERY / HACK & BUS / LINE / PHONE NO. 33. /	
MANITOWOC, / WIS.	 -
G o A 31 Sd Good For One / Ride From / Hotel / Victoria / to / Depot.	7.50

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UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by Bolz [136,137], J. Smith [138], Bassett [139])
HILLTOP TRANSIT INCORP. (STAR)

136 A 21 Sd

Good For One Cash Fare 5¢

WARE HARRIS BUS LINE

137 B 22 Sq-sc Good For One Fare 10¢

1 HORSE SINGLE TRIP HATCH'S TO DELPHI

138 WM Ob Sd

(blank) [67x17mm]

B. McCOURT BUS LINE ONE TRIP

139 A 26 Sd (blank)

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

The A.V.A. Convention Tour token is usually the star attraction of our Supplement for the first fall issue. However, the AVA tour tokens did not arrive at Denver in time to be used on the convention tour. As a matter of fact they still have not arrived from Meyer & Wenthe. Various and sundry explanations and excuses have been offered for the delay, none of which makes a particle of difference. When the tokens finally arrive, they will be afforded an expost facto legitimacy and listed, and sent to the members of N.I.S.

At the Denver Convention an old time Colorado token was reported to me by Sid White. A 1911 directory lists T.J. Mahony as proprietor of Bonanza Stage Lines. Later directories show that Mahoney took in his brother as a partner. Bonanza was 16 miles from Villa Grove, and was a mining camp. Two trips were made daily, and the fare was \$2 each way. Villa Grove is in Saguache County in the north end of the San Luis Valley.

The new listing from Rising Sun was offered in an ad in an earlier issue. Don't know if it found any takers. It is quite similar to the earlier token already listed.

There seem to be more and more Neodesha tokens, and hardly any two of them are alike. Each Neodesha token is unique except the "A" of which two are known. Anyway this one, 680 I, differs from the other aluminum one, 680 H, in that the H may be described as follows (using slash marks):

GOOD BETWEEN DEPOT / & / HOTELS / TEL. 12 / NEODESHA / KS. / JOHNSON HACK LINE

H o A 35 Sd 25

There is no additional ornamention on the reverse of 680 H. Incidentally, the aluminum 680 H uses exactly the same dies as the brass 680 A. But the die work on 680 I is entirely different. From now on we'll have to use slash marks in listing depotels, as the arrangement of the wording seems to vary considerably from token to token.

The Boston token was used in connection with a tour held during the American Numismatic Association convention in that city. A supply of the tokens was provided to our N.I.S. at a rate less than the original \$2.73 face value, so our members will also benefit from the reduction.

The Great Barrington token was found by David Schenkman who showed it to John Coffee early in July when John visited him. This is our first Massachusetts token for the Housatonic RR.

The owner of the line in Hastings, Nebr., also uses a ten-ride punch ticket for \$4.00. He has used the tokens in various ways.

Mr. Alan Weighell received one of the Albany, NY, senior citizen tokens from another person, and so informed our N.I.S. about the token, and we were able to obtain a supply of them. Capital District Transportation Authority had purchased United Traction Co. of Albany. It also takes in the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Saratoga, so has also assumed operation of the Schenectady Transit System as well as Troy Fifty Avenue Bus Co. of Troy. Capital District Transit sells senior citizen tokens at reduced rates to various districts, who then sell them to old folks. However it seems that a lot of the tokens are bought and hoarded, and this may jeopardize the whole token program. So the CDT doesn't know whether to order more tokens or wait for the hoarded ones to be used. Hoarding seems to be a common practise with

-Page 114senior citizen tokens in many cities where they are used. CDT is still using tokens of United Traction for adult fares.

Charles Berger bought the Belton, TX, depotel from an antique dealer down in Texas, who thought he had another one in a junk box but couldn't find it. Mr. Berger paid just one dollar for this token and two old Texas trade tokens, total price.

Mr. Bolz reported to me at Denver that a senior citizen program was in effect in Salt Lake City. Seems the company took the old 16mm tokens and drilled a hole in the middle of the token, for use as senior citizen tokens. The company then sold these drilled tokens to the Council for the Aging, which in turn sold the tokens at reduced rates to the old folks. However, recently the Council for the Aging ran out of money, and tokens haven't been sold for a while.

See the excellent (as usual) article elsewhere by Gerald Johnson about the Manitowoc, Wis., depotel.

On the Unidentified tokens, note the Ware Harris token is a companion token to #13, which has been known about since the 1940's. Now with two tokens issued by this outfit, maybe someone will get busy and find a home for them. Ken Bassett thinks the #139 may be from Ohio or Pennsylvania.

At Denver, Roger Bolz had a quantity of the Ames, Ia., steel token. There were two varieties of Ia 30 D, in which one looked like it had a white metal plating, and the other looked like it had a brass plating. Mr. Bolz may run an ad offering these before long. However it should be noted that steel does strange things. Take a steel token and brush it and clean it, and it takes on a reddish or yellowish hue, sometimes.

= SEPTEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

Having returned from the Denver Convention, which was great, I want to commend Syd Joseph and his convention committee for doing a splendid piece of work. I enjoyed myself imensely.

Tokens are coming from every direction! But first off, I regret the Denver convention tokens haven't arrived yet. But you will get one—and they are beauties—soon as I get them. You will soon receive the new Alaska token, which also is a beauty, along with the AVA token.

But this month you will receive 4 nice tokens, providing your account can pay for them. All N.I.S. members, both regular & associate, will get these four. First, the ANA boat tour token used in Boston, with a picture on it. We thank Duane Feisel for getting a supply of these for us, at a reduced price. Second, you will get the Albany, NY, senior citizen token. More and more of the senior tokens are going into use, so check in your city to see if they're using one. And don't forget to check for new school tokens, as this is the beginning of the school year. Finally to fill out the 4 tokens, you'll get the two Nebraska tokens listed this month.

From July 1972 thru June 1973, the N.I.S. sent out 81 tokens, of which 41 were U.S., 35 foreign, and 5 Canada. This is 13 less than the previous year. But the way new issues are being reported just now, it looks as if we'll break all records for the coming year. So you'd better keep your balance in the black. I need a lot of working capital to buy quantities of these new issues, most of which have pretty high face values. If you don't keep your balance up, you will have to be dropped.

This month we advance Manny Ezidro from Associate to Regular status in N.I.S., and William Nelson and Gene Skoglund move up from Waiting List to Associate.

Before closing, I want to compliment John Coffee on the great job he did on the Atwood Catalogue Supplement. It was all his own idea, and he did all the work on it.

Group photographs of those present at the Denver AVA Convention are now available for only \$2 + 8¢ stamp, from AVA President Syd Joseph - 870 So. Hudson St. - Denver, CO 80222. "They came out darn good!" he says.

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A B 22 Sd Parking Token Amusement Park	.25
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Que 3620 C: add variety description: (0&R: beads in border) a. (coarse; coarse)	
b. (fine; coarse)	

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

It has been quite some time since I was last in touch with you in this column. The main thing that happened is that the new edition of the parking token catalogue was completed, and copies sent out to pre-publication orders and to others which have arrived later. Because printing costs went up a full 50% over the amount originally

quoted by the printer, I had to increase the price of the book to \$10 a copy retail, \$8 a copy to AVA members, postpaid. So those who sent in advance orders got a bargain even though they had to wait a while to get the book. I do have a few of the looseleaf copies available at the same price for as long as they last.

The other thing that has happened is that I am back into a full time regular hours job. This came up rather suddenly as a friend with a small business asked for some help. So I found myself faced with my token work hours cut by about 50 hours a week! Needless to say some of the things I had been doing with tokens have had to be put on the back burner. It will take me a while to get my activities cooled down to something more manageable. Even with full time available to tokens, I had more than enough to keep myself busy so you can imagine the current problems.

This is the first supplement to the new catalogue, and since some of these items have been on hand for a while, we can start with a large number of new listings. The new catalogue is quite free of errors and omissions, but there are some; the next report will have a more extensive listing of these items.

The new Colorado token can be had by writing, but the bank was not willing to sell a quantity. Whenever you write, send 25¢ in cash (or an appropriate amount for higher or lower "face value" tokens) plus a stamped self-addressed envelope. I received no information as to how the token is used.

The Aetna State Bank in Chicago has a gate-controlled lot for customers. I was able to get a token by writing, but was unable to get a quantity, for PTNIS. The address is 2401 N. Halsted St., zip 60614.

Apparently the parking lot for patrons of the Red Star Inn in Chicago is free in, token for exit, with gate control. Dinner or lunch guests are given a token for exit from the lot, and no tokens are given out for other types of parking. Although the restaurant would not sell me a quantity of their token you might get one by writing to 4179 W. Irving Park Rd., zip 60641.

Away back in 1972 I wrote to Holland concerning their new parking token, but never received a reply or return of the money I had sent.

The Bloomington, MN, drive-in restaurant gives a token to customers to permit exit from the gate-controlled lot. The price of 75¢ per token seemed too steep to me, so I passed on the "opportunity" to purchase a quantity. When there is no parking value associated with a token--that is money cannot be used in lieu of a token--1 am inclined arbitrarily to assign a catalogue value of 25¢ to such a piece. Most of the time this is what a user will charge. Anyhow you can probably get this one by writing. The address is Lyndale and Freeway 494, zip 55420.

The new listing for Holdrege was obtained in sufficient supply for PTNIS through the efforts of Roger Bolz--thanks, Roger, for the help. Note the line arrangement of the new listing and the fact that it is different from any of the listed tokens from Holdrege. Also the word STREET is abbreviated to St.

A long, long time ago someone reported that there was a token for the Utica Memorial Auditorium, but never gave a description. I wrote the auditorium several times, the first time included some money, and later inquiries mentioned that fact. However there was never any sort of reply. Finally we have a description of the token so it can be listed. I hope someone with a better approach than what I have used will be able to obtain some of these tokens for us.

The bank in Henersonville, NC, will send out tokens but they sent no other information. You should be able to get this one by writing--no street address, but the zip is 28739.

When the Ada, OK, token was reported to me, Mary Allen said that it would be next to impossible to obtain. That seems to be true as all my efforts to obtain the token and/or information about it have met with failure. Who can help with this one?

The St. Anthony Medical Center token is used for exit from a gate-controlled parking garage. You may be able to get this one by writing, although the hospital indicated that they were unable to sell me any quantity. The address is St. Anthony Hospital, 601 NW 9th, zip 73102.

The merchants of Coatesville, PA, give out the new token to customers with a certain minimum purchase. Thanks to Dan DiMichael a supply of the tokens has been obtained for PTNIS subscribers.

The Coraopolis Chamber of Commerce has always been willing to sell me tokens before, but they decline to do so with this new item. There should be no problem at -Page 118- -September 1973-

all, however, for you to get the token by writing to the Airport Area Chamber of Commerce at 1019 State Ave., zip 15108. I sent 25¢ and got 2 tokens, so perhaps you should send 10¢ for one.

The new Pittsburgh token is listed without any information. My inquiry went unanswered, and no refund was made of the money sent. We have a number of interested collectors in Pittsburgh, so perhaps we shall be able to enlist some help with this.

St. Francis Hospital will sell tokens to employees of the hospital which can be used to activate the gate-controlling access to the parking lot. Visitors have to pay 25¢ to get into the lot. A supply of this token has been obtained for distribution eventually to PTNIS subscribers.

The Myrtle Beach piece remains an unknown to me as my inquiry has not been answered, nor has the money I sent been returned.

Grant Auto Parks has several parking lots in Salt Lake City. The tokens are sold for \$1 each, and are used to activate a parking gate. Although I was unable to purchase a quantity, I think you should be able to get this one by writing to 165 So. West Temple, zip 84101. Remember, "face value" is \$1.00.

The Cole and Gillis piece from Milwaukee apparently was used some years ago. The token style suggests that in itself, and the face that neither the parking lot or the Court House Inn are still in business. The assigned catalogue value is rather conservative, but perhaps one or more of the token sleuths in Milwaukee will be able to track down a supply of the token.

The other new Milwaukee token can be had by writing to 1700 W. Wisconsin Ave., zip 53233. The style of this new token is quite different from WI 3510 AD.

The new stock token has been obtained in sufficient supply to send out to PTNIS subscribers. APD opened an office on the West Coast, and the stock token is issued from there. Note that APD also has a subsidiary in Canada for which a stock token has been issued.

The new listing for France results from a token I have seen and handled, but was not able to obtain. My inquiries to France have gone unanswered, so will have to have help from our overseas collecting friends on this.

Another token I have seen is inscribed DEARBORN PROVING GROUNDS // Temporary Pass; it is brass, 25mm, and is very similar in appearance to the APD type of parking tokens. I have learned that the token is used to activate an employee-access turnstile, and is not involved with parking. I assume that employees of the facility (located in Dearborn, Mich.) have one of those plastic cards with magnetic coding which can operate the turnstile, and when the card has been forgotten, the token can be obtained. Obviously under such an arrangement the token supply would be carefully guarded.

This completes my report on a rather nice group of additions to the new catalogue. The next report should also be a sizeable one as I have had a number of additional reports which are being checked—or at least an attempt is being made.

The tokens for PTNIS subscribers will be accumulated for a bit longer time until a greater number of different pieces are at hand. It is now more important for me than ever that the effort and time required for a PTNIS shipment be well spent.

In closing I wish to mention that I have a new address which is P.O. Box 1302 - Los Altos, CA 94022. My old box number in Palo Alto will be phased out gradually. The new box is more conveniently located to my home, while the old box was located near to where I had my business. Either address can be used, but I shall appreciate the change to the new box number.

= CALIFORNIA TOKEN COLLECTORS MEET =

F. Gordon & Claire Smith were hosts at the July meeting of the Southern California token collectors group. Eleven members and four guests met in the beautiful recreation hall of their mobile home community in Oceanside. During the brief business meeting Bob Ritterband was appointed Southern California Chairman for the 1975 A.V.A. Convention. "Trading and talking" went on for the sometime following, and then came refreshments! Collectors are always welcome to visit our meetings. Stop by when you're in our area.

- R.B. Carter

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Thank you, New President Syd Joseph, and the Denver members who hosted a great AVA
Convention! We truly enjoyed our brief stay and appreciated the opportunity to meet
and visit so many wonderful people from across the country! = Lee and Cindy Nott
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= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE OCTOBER 24 =

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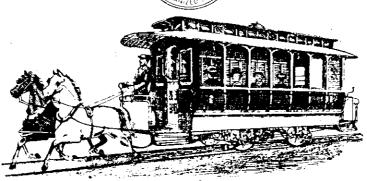
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Our 316th Issue

November 4, at 1:30 pm. Together with this issue you are being sent a copy of the AVA Constitution as revised and reprinted this year by Bob Ritterband. Unfortunately they are just too big to fit into our 6x9 envelope without folding. That's why it is folded.

Speaking of Bob Ritterband, I can't let another issue go by without a special word of gratitude to him. Bob, who served as AVA president until this last August, is one of our most conscientious and altruistic constituents. Both before and since his administration as president, as well as during it, he has never hesitated to do everything he could for our society. I first met Bob at the Minneapolis Convention in 1961, and we've been close friends ever since. If one adjective were requested to describe the spirit of the AVA best, it would have to be "friendly." Bob has personified this spirit in a superlative sense; but more than that, his friendship is kinetic and vigorous. To know the man is to love him. And our society made great progress during his tenure as president.

Five days ago we passed the actual moment of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the AVA. There are only a few of us left who were actually there in Max Schwartz' office on October 31, 1948. Present members who were at the founding meeting are Schwartz, McKee, Corinne Black, Kibbe, Williamson, Coffee, and Winant. The rest have either died or dropped their membership. The AVA was not the world's first transportation token society, though. The Seattle Transportation Token Club was founded a year earlier, and for a few years the AVA was referred to in Seattle as simply "the New York club."

We have just learned that Canadian provinces, like states in the USA, now have two-letter abbreviations officially assigned by their postoffice. These are: AB Alberta; BC British Columbia; MB Manitoba; NF Newfoundland; NB New Brunswick; NS Nova Scotia; ON Ontario; PQ Quebec; SK Saskatchewan; YT Yukon; NT North West Territory; LB Labrador; and PE Prince Edward Island. Once we get to know them we'll use them and save space. Note that none of them conflict with any US state abbreviation—which is Nebraska was changed from NB to NE.

Transportation tokens are being issued at a fast and furious pace. It's all John Nicolosi can do to keep up with them for his New Issues Service. John usually gets some extras of new issues, and those who aren't members of his N.I.S. can often purchase these from his ads. Meanwhile, it looks like a busy and interesting year ahead in the hobby.

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A few rare tokens are being turned up by AVA members. Dan DiMichael is one of our most successful in this regard. His most recent letter to me bragged about finding Mich 530 B and Va 65 A. And Joe Pernicano reported finding a Pa 315 C "which," he added, "was mixed in with other trade tokens for 50¢ each at a local flea market." Your Editor has gone through flea markets from coast to coast and border to border, wasting hours poring over the most incredible accumulations of junk from old bottle caps to rusty nails, but I have never seen a thing in good tokens.

Even so, I manage. A couple of weeks ago I picked up Calif 715 A, thereby helping to break the virtual monopoly on California colored celluloids of one H.V. Ford.

A letter from Australia from Les Hawthorne reports an interesting Japanese token he picked up from a member of the Melbourne Numismatic Society. Exactly how or where the token is (or was) used is unknown. But since it is anodized aluminum it must be of recent vintage. Here is the description:

JAPAN AIR LINES ONE YEN FOR TRAVEL
A 25 Sq-sc (Japanese writing)(gold-anodized aluminum)

Since one yen, even since dollar devaluation, isn't very much money, one wonders how much "travel" such a token would be worth.

= CAR WASH TOKEN CATALOGUE TO BE PUBLISHED =

A new catalogue of Car Wash Tokens is almost ready for the printer. The work of Harold Ford and John Coffee, this will be a cloth-bound book, over 100 pages, with photographs of at least 100 tokens, fully priced and indexed. It will be a fine printed book, and a valuable addition to the general knowledge of tokens. The Editor spent a good portion of the summer editing and typing the copy. Photographs were made at Duane Feisel's home with his camera, of tokens in his collection and in Hal's collection. The only work remaining to be done is to affix the photographs in place and write a Foreword & Introduction. We hope the books will be ready early in 1974, and they will be available to A.V.A. members, on an advance-order basis, at a price only slightly above actual cost. We can't take advance orders yet, though, because we don't know what it will cost to produce them. The print order will be based on advance orders from members and from coin dealers. We believe this book is just what is needed to bring the collecting of car wash tokens into the dignity it deserves. There are a very large number of these tokens and they keep turning up.

Speaking of car wash tokens, Donald Punshon has suggested—and we agree with him—that it would be helpful if members would send him the car wash listings from telephone books in their cities. When you get your new Yellow Pages book, please tear out the "car wash" listing pages from your old book, and send them to Harold (6641 Saroni Drive - Oakland, CA 94611). This will assist him in locating unidentified car wash tokens, of which there are plenty.

Sam Ruggeri writes that there is a beautiful nickel-silver limited-edition medal issued by North Central Airlines to commemorate their 25th Anniversary. The size of a silver dollar, picturing a DC-9. Available for only \$1.00 from Agency & Interline Manager - North Central Airlines - 7500 Northliner Drive - Minneapolis, MN 55450.

Kenneth Smith reports that it now is taking about twice as long as before for packages to arrive from overseas. He cites the example of a package mailed to him from England on April 4. It arrived August 11--over 4 months! Eight to nine weeks is now the rule for mail from Australia or England, to get to California! So, he adds, have patience.

= REFLECTIONS ON THE DENVER CONVENTION = By Joel Reznick

What a great convention! Denver--mile high city--one of the most beautiful these eyes have seen--and what growth since the last time I saw her!

After being greeted by Gene Skoglund and daughter in the motel lobby, we began fifty-two hours of "tokening" which occurs, unfortunately, only annually.

Chuck Muller and I had motored in across Illinois, Iowa, (what great steaks we had there), and Nebraska, and got in just after the festivities began. With the gas shortage near Denver we almost didn't make it at all! The first thing that caught my eye were the fine exhibits: from "tokens for the blind" by Bob Carter and "The Story of Transit Tokens" by Syd Joseph to Charley Max's "Thumbnail Sketch" of his father's involvement with the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees. Every exhibit was better than the last, but no better than the rest--all great--I can't see how they decided on a single winner! Other exhibits were "Ghost Towns and Other Places" by Hal Dunn; "Railroadomia" by Ted Shook; "Postage Stamps of Horsecars, Street Cars, Buses and Subways" by Bob Ritterband; "Colorado Transit Tokens" by George Sanders; "Denver Tramway Memorabilia" by Sid White; "Minnesota Transit Tokens" by Gene Skoglund; "Main Street America" by Bob Spencer; "Convention Tokens," "Maine Complete," and "Sample Planchets" by Ralphe Hinde; "Sales Tax Tokens" and "Communion Tokens" by Charley Carter; "Franklin Mint Transportation Tokens" by Toby Frisbee; "Early R.R. Stock Certificates" by H.J. Turgeon; and Joe Studebaker exhibited a large medal issued by Japan commemorating 100 years of railroading there. And guarding it all were Dale and Chuck Becker. Of course all of our famous intra-club dealers were there (those are members who through dint of effort accumulate a large selection of duplicates to sell and/or trade), and Charley and I went at them with gusto.

Members from far and near were in attendance, but it was particularly nice to have Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Oda with us from Hawaii. They went on to the Midwest after the convention, and Mrs. Oda brought perfume packets with her for all of our ladies—a hearth "Mahalo" to that lovely lady!

Also we hope that the George Hakes' are feeling better. They both took sick and had to leave early--hope these prattlings bring them up to date.

Friday evening a bunch of us went to a unique restaurant called "The Old Spaghetti Factory" (which is actually an old streetcar barn) where we all had the pleasure of dining inside a renovated early 1900's trolley car. What an experience! Before we ate, we all paused while Bob Ritterband said a few words in memory of all trolleys and horsecars that have gone to their eternal rest. Needless to say we were not the most decorous group in attendance that evening.

Saturday after the business meeting and a few (very few) minutes for lunch we came back to the final committee reports and then the auction--and what an auction! Our hats are off to Bill Davis for a super job on this 400-lot monster. I think most of us can really be proud of the value our tokens have elevated themselves to. As you saw in the September FARE BOX most of the pieces were actively bid for, and eight-, ten-, even 12-times catalogue was not the exception but, especially on scarcer pieces, the rule. The gem of the auction was Ind 520 A, which Jack Smith (having saved his nickels and dimes all year) paid \$113.00 for, after a spirited and lengthy bid session. As has been the case in many previous years, the auction almost ran into the banquet, with winners waiting to pay for and receive the pieces they had won, then racing to their rooms to primp and preen. At the banquet the usual amenities were offered, with front table introductions and commentary by Bob Ritterband who, then, introduced Syd Joseph, our new AVA president who, in turn, presented the awards (which were also announced in the September FARE BOX). The meal was superb and the program delightful with Ed Haley (whose wife also joined us) and Nick Kindig putting on one of the most informative, well illustrated and terrifically coordinated "streetcar" talks we have ever seen. Everyone enjoyed the program and we hope Denver Post columnist Bernie Kelly (who was with us) did too! Of course, after the dinner, swappin' and talkin' continued on into the wee hours.

In the waning hours of the convention, on Sunday morning, we boarded a Denver Transit bus for a rollicking ride to Heritage Square, a delightful replica of an old western town, with shops, knick-knacks, trivia, goodies, etc., and of course a one-

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We had plenty of time to roam and shop, and could ride the train as often as we wished. Most of us had lunch at the outdoor sandwich shop. (Some of us got super hot dogs at a cart on the midway and sat with our wealthier friends.) The railroad personnel bent over backwards for us, making special stops along the track route for picture taking, even going so far as to back down the track, then come forward with smokestack puffing, for real "action" shots. Everyone on the tour had a most enjoyable time and Charley Max gets kudos for a great planning job.

No doubt Ted Snook caught each of you at some phase of the convention with his fancy camera work. The entire Denver club is to be congratulated for a magnificent convention—each one of them worked diligently. But the man who put it all together, who made the special ties each Denver club member wore, who planned most of the banquet, and who arranged for the speakers, but most of all who made the awards that were given out (and I mean from scratch!) was Syd Joseph. The entire AVA membership doffs its hat to this outstanding vecturist and his fine club for a job well done.

Good luck to Syd on steering our "Trolley of State" for the next two years!

= DELAWARE VALLEY VECTURIST ASSOCIATION =

The DVVA had their meeting on Sunday, October 14, at Joe Pernicano's office in Fort Washington Industrial Park. Al Zaika was our only member who had attended the AVA Denver Convention. Of course he was full of talk about the meeting out there.

We discussed tokens, of course--our first love after our wives and sweethearts. Dan DiMichael had picked up a few choice census tokens at the recent GENA show. Attending our meeting were Al Zaika, Hank Hiorth, Dick Moore and new member Stanley Heist, Joe Pernicano, and Len Paul.

We are planning to meet with the NEVA bunch next month on November 10 at the Americana Hotel. This big gathering will be in conjunction with the Grand Central Coin Convention there.

= A LETTER FROM A NEW MEMBER =

Dear Mr. Coffee: Recently I applied for membership in the A.V.A., and only after deciding to collect and begin another hobby. I have been a collector of foreign and Canadian coins for many years now, and have heard so much about token collecting from so many of my friends, that I decided to look into this new and fascinating hobby. I first wrote a letter to your president, Syd Joseph, who had in turn sent me a very welcome reply, with much interesting information about this new hobby, and a very friendly letter, and I might add a token, and I was really amazed by his friendly and welcome help in getting me membership in the A.V.A.

I am very happy to be a part of this wonderful group of collectors. Since I applied for membership, and after receiving my first issue of THE FARE BOX, I would like you to know of the many wonderful and friendly letters that I have received already from other members welcoming me into the club. This month has been full of friendly letters from friendly members, and I want you to know that I am very glad to be part of such a wonderful organization with so many wonderful members. I have just recently started to collect tokens, and I hope to continue to be a collector for many years to come, and I know that I will find much enjoyment from this, and many years of happy collecting.

Thank you and all your members for making me a part of this great association, and I hope that my membership in the AVA will prove in the future to be a good one.

- Lawrence (Larry) Gentile A.V.A. #1412

= 18th AND OLIVE, KANSAS CITY = By Foster M. Palmer

Further background has come to light on the holed tags inscribed "18th & OLIVE (NUMBER) K.C.P.S. CO." discovered by Hector Turgeon (The Fare Box, Aug. 1973, pages 92, 98). In the opinion of a long-time Kansas City Public Service Co. employee consulted by Virginia M. Wright of the Kansas City Public Library, each carbarn worker had a number and left one of these tags when he checked out a tool or piece of equipment.

Although not tokens, these pieces are interesting for their association with a particular location whose history goes back at least to cable car days. It was in 1888 that the Metropolitan Street Railway built a combined cable power house and car barn at the northwest corner of 18th & Olive Streets in Kansas City, Mo. (Even before this date there were horse cars on 18th St., but whether there was a horsecar barn at this site is unknown to the writer.) Particulars of the cable service out of 18th & Olive are given in George W. Hilton's monumental work, The Cable Car in America (Berkeley, Howell-North, 1971), pages 264-269 (see also map on back end paper). Two dables were run out of 18th and Olive, the shorter one (10,300 feet, run at 11.6 miles per hour) simply running east on 18th St., to Cleveland Ave. and back. The western cable was something else. As originally installed it went west on 18th to Main St. and north on Main to 9th, where it looped at the widening out of Main St. known as the Junction, then considered the heart of the downtown area. Returning cars followed Main to 19th and went east on that street as far as Olive. This Philadelphia-like arrangement was adopted because the portion of 18th west of Olive was considered too narrow for double track. A similar arrangement was used when the cable line was extended in 1889 north on Main to 3rd St., west one block to Delaware St., and south on Delaware to 9th (where Delaware converged with Main to form the Junction). The lengthened west cable was 32,300 feet long and was run at 10.2 mph. It eventually crossed seven other cable lines and in most cases occupied the inferior position according to Hilton's rope diagram, so that 18th St. cars had to drop the rope ten times out of fourteen on a round trip.

The cable line was electrified in 1900 and the double track on 18th St. was extended & mile east from Cleveland to Jackson Ave. Eighteenth and Olive became an electric car barn. A three-volume work by Bion J. Arnold: Report to Hon. William C. Hook, Circuit Judge, on the Value of the Properties of the Metropolitan Street Railway System of Kansas City (1913), is a mine of information on street railways in Kansas City at the peak of the electric era. The Metropolitan had by this time absorbed its competitors of cable car days, but was still operating one vestigial cable line, which closed later in the same year. It was soon, on February 15, 1916, to give way to the Kansas City Railways Co., issuer of Mo 440 A-G. Arnold gives particulars of the construction and cost of 18th & Olive (vol. 2, p. 459). His diagrams of the track (vol. 2, p. 153) and wire (vol. 3, p. 496) layouts agree as to the barn's having had twelve tracks, but disagree as to which side of Olive St. it stood upon; the wire diagram appears to be of superior authority, and is the basis for stating above that the car barn stood on the northwest corner of 18th & Olive.

In the electric era, the 18th-19th St. portion of the former cable route operated out of 18th and Olive became relatively less important and the Main St. segment much more so. At least by the 1920's, cars from the 18th St. line proper no longer went downtown, but proceeded generally westward across the State Line into Kansas City, Kansas, terminating at Kansas and Berger Aves. in that city, near the Swift and Co. meat packing plant. Some portions of 18th St. continued to have downtown service. The Holmes and Vine St. lines used the western part of the trackage; the busy corner of 18th and Vine, half a mile west of Olive, was for many years a major center in the life of Kansas City's Negro community. To the east of 18th and Olive, the Indiana Ave. line, which was important enough eventually to have PCC cars for a time, ran on 18th St. for half a mile.

The major direction of growth of the city was southward, and the importance of Main St. increased, especially after the opening of the new Union Station at 24th and Main in October, 1914, and the Main St. cut through a rocky bluff formation immediately to the south. (The writer can remember when the section from 24th to 27th was for

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streetcars only, and occasionally closed by rock slides.) Most of the cars serving Main St. in electric days were based on 48th and Harrison, far to the south of 18th and Olive and never a cable car barn.

The Kansas City Public Service Co. was organized in June, 1925, but did not actually take over from Kansas City Railways until October 16, 1926. The checks found by Hector Turgeon cannot be earlier than this date, but probably are not much later either. Kansas City Public Service cut the number of rail divisions, which stood at seven (presumably including 18th and Olive) in its Annual Reports for 1928-1930, to only three (certainly not including 18th and Olive) by 1937. The number of electric divisions increased to five in the 1938 report; one of these was almost surely for the exclusive use of trolley buses, first introduced to Kansas City in that year, but the other reopened barn could conceivably have been our old friend 18th and Olive. Whatever it was, the reopening did not last long, nor did the separate facility for trolley buses as more lines were converted to that form; the number of electric divisions was down to three again for good in 1941.

Although 18th and Olive was no longer an active car barn, some cars were stored there as late as 1948. On July 1 of that year, the 18th St. line was converted to trolley bus operation, and Vine St. to motor bus. Eighteenth St. west of Olive was thought to be wide enough for trolley buses to operate in both directions, so the old eastbound routing via 19th St. was discontinued. Trolley buses gave way to motor buses on this line after only a few years, not later than 1955. Streetcars continued to run on Main St. (whose historic connection with 18th St. was by now all but forgotten) until the end of local railway service in Kansas City in the early morning of June 23, 1957, although the northern terminus was moved back to 9th St. as in the earliest cable days for the last few years owing to a massive urban renewal project in the North End.

Even though the 18th and Olive pieces are not tokens, especially for those of us whose orientation is more towards transit than towards numismatics they form a fascinating link with a spot which saw a generous slice of transit history.

= OCTOBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

I am happy to report that the Convention tokens have been received here, and are already on their way to all members of the New Issues Service. Please don't be alarmed about the dark stains on the tokens, as 95% of them are that way. This is something we have no control over. But I can give you a tip on how to clean up those stains (on these tokens and any others similarly stained except steel and zinc). Take your token, swish it around a few times in clear ammonia, then immediately wash in clear cold water, wipe dry with a soft cloth, and you have a beautiful token. If the stain is still there, simply repeat the procedure.

Two more nice tokens are coming their way to all members this month: First, another token from Cooper Landing, Alaska. I want to thank John Coffee for helping us get these. Next you will receive NJ 115 I (some of these also came to me in a stained condition). Our sincere thanks to Ed Dence for his time and effort in getting these for us. He made 5 trips across the bridge to get enough for us! We certainly appreciate AVA members going out of their way to get us tokens for the New Issues Service. Thanks to our cooperating members, we now have several tokens to send out that we might never have known about otherwise. So thanks to all of you who have helped!

Next month or possibly later you will receive a token from Louisiana. I regret that 99 of these have edge nicks on them--someting, again, beyond my control. If you don't want the token when you get it because of this, feel free to return it.

We welcome this month, from Associate to Regular status, Herman Cull of Richmond, Ind., and from Waiting List to Associate status, Mr. F.R. Wise and Mr. F.E. Whitney. Nice to have you, gentlemen.

Because of the large number of new issues that we shall be sending out in the next few months, many with higher face values, we are very shortly going to clean out the dead wood whose balances have remained too low for too long. Last chance!

By Kenneth E. Smith	
ENGLAND (all reported by Donald Capper) Chipping Norton 178	
WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL AH C 30 Sd Concessionary Fare 4p (red)	\$0.30
Cookham 208	
COOKHAM R.D.C. AG C 26 Sd Concessionary Bus Fare 3p (orange)	.30
Hungerford 408	
HUNGERFORD R.D.C. AH C 24 Sd Concessionary Fare Token 3p (green)	.30
Manchester 500	
NATIONAL TRANSPORT TOKEN CH A 22 Ch Token 2 (vars. on obverse) Cl A 25 Ch Token 3	.20 .30
Matlock 510	
MATLOCK U.D.C. CONCESSIONARY FARE TOKEN NOT TRANSFERABLE AE C 28 Sd Token Value 2½p Valid 1st April to 30th September 1973 (blue) (The above tokens, along with the Buenos Aires subway token, are being distributed by Nicolosi's New Issues Service.)	.30
AUSTRALIA Stockton 700 (Reported by Les Hawthorne) STOCKTON FERRIES PTY LTD. C WM 23 Sd (same as obverse)(adult fare 1971 to) D WM 19 Sd (same as obverse)(child fare 1973 to) (C and D have smaller letters than A and B.)	.30 .20
DENMARK These tokens are current new issues from the Jørgen Sømod new book <u>Busmaerker & Sporvognspoletter</u> . We delayed listing them hoping that we could get them in quantity for the New Issues Service, but we were disappointed.	<u>\$</u>
Aarhus 10	
DE BLAA BUSSER (STAGECOACH) CD WM 18 Sd Jens Abildskou (stagecoach)(vars.)	. 25
Copenhagen 160	
OMEGNEN RABATPOLET KS AB NESA H K 22 Sd (same as obverse)	.25
Horsens 360	
HORSENS BYBUSSER VITUS BERING 1681-1741 (SHIP) D WM 19 Sd (same as obverse)	.25
Sonderborg 800	
SONDERBORG BYBUSSER (WINDMILL) A B 20 Sd (same as obverse)	•25

= OCTOBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording and spelling and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Plese continue to send listings of foreign tokens directly to:

KENNETH E. SMITH

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*	ALASKA Cooper Landing 190 (Reported by John Coffee) RUSSIAN RIVER FERRY COOPER LANDING, ALASKA (STAMPED NUMERALS) B B 32 Sd Good For One Trip (boat) [* 7/1/73] [2,600 of 190 B were struck]	\$1.50
*	COLORADO Golden 420 (Reported by 1973 Convention Committee) AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION 25 SILVER ANNIVERSARY DENVER COLO. AUGUST, 1973 1948-1973 (A.V.A. SEAL) A o Bz Oc Sd Good For One Fare August 12, 1973 Heritage Square Golden, Colo. (locomotive) (38mm) [never placed in use]	2.00
.	ILLINOIS Chicago 150 (Reported by David E. Schenkman to John Coffee) AHo A 29 Sd [Like 150 L, but with 22 on both sides, instead of 12]	7.50
	MASSACHUSETTS Zone Checks 997 (Reported by Win Nowell to John Coffee) B. & P ST. RY. CO. PLYMOUTH P.O. TO NO. 13 IDENT. CHECK E o B 35 Pc (blank) [obverse letters are incuse] [Brockton & Plymouth Street Railway Company]	5.00
*	NEW JERSEY Camden 115 (Reported by Ed Dence) DELAWARE RIVER PORT AUTHORITY (BRIDGE) I WM 27 Sd (same as obverse) [* 9/3/73] [used on Ben Franklin Bridge]	.60
	UNIDENTIFIED (141 reported by F. Hartley; reporter of 140 is unknown) U. OF C. / J.H. KINTZ / BUS LINE (INCUSE LETTERS) 140 B 24 Sd (blank) 141 B 22 Sd [like Unid. #25, but with 12 on both sides, instead of 4]	
	MANUFACTURERS SAMPLES (Reported by E.M. Rice) Group 19 AF Bz 20 B Good For One Zone Fare	

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

Five years ago we learned about the first token for the Russian River Ferry, and the proprietor remembered us when he ordered a new type, and wrote Mr. Coffee about it. He didn't want to be bothered with selling us any during the summer season, but once the season was over he sent a supply to our New Issues Service. We do not know the reason for the stamped numbers in the tokens. The boat shown on the token is the "Kenai Queen II," rather an elaborate name for a very simple little boat. The owner says his ferry is "the only water-propelled ferry in operation in the State of Alaska." He adds that "we are under Coast Guard jurisdiction, as the Kenai is a navigable river, and only licensed skippers operate our ferry. It is used for about four months a year (May thru late September) and carries 12 passengers at a time from the west (Kenai) side of the river to the east (Russian) side. This is where the two rivers come together, and where the red (sockeye) salmon rest before going on up the Russian river to spawn. It is the largest sport fishery in the state, and restricted to fly-fishing only."

The AVA Denver Convention token is listed this month. Arrival of the tokens was delayed by the manufacturer, and for this reason the token was not actually used on the tour. However, it was always our practice to list tokens that were actually

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ordered with intention to use them, even though subsequent events prevented their use. (e.g. Cal 575 F,G,H). Since the tokens were not ready in time, the manufacturer (Meyer & Wenthe) sent along a small supply of Manufacturers Sample 22 A. I mention this because I have already commented on interim tokens. There is a possibility that in some other cases manufacturers samples or Miscellaneous tokens have been used as regular issues until the ordered tokens arrived. See NH 640 J and NY 785 B C.

The Chicago listing was mentioned in the previous issue.

The new token used on the Ben Franklin Bridge went into effect September 3 of this year. Tokens are used for passenger cars and by commuters who have to obtain stickers to show they are allowed to use them, and an electric scanner is used to identify the sticker. Tokens are sold in rolls of 40. However, when one purchases 40 tokens one of them is taken out before he gets his tokens, so you actually get only 39 tokens for future use. Even though Mr. Dence is not a member of the New Issues Service, he went to a lot of trouble to obtain these tokens for us. Since one can purchase only one roll of tokens at a time, Ed had to make 5 trips over the bridge to get these for us! So we want to thank Mr. Dence for taking all the time and effort to get these tokens for us. This is the kind of cooperation that makes this hobby keep going!

We also have a report that the same token, NJ 115 I, will be used on the Walt Whitman Bridge, and that NJ 115 H is now obsolete. This means there probably has been an increase in the toll rate. I hope someone can give us the date of the change in toll, so we can keep our records correct on this.

There is a token of a similar nature now in use in the Baltimore area, but we are holding up the listing temporarily until we see if we can get a supply of them.

The Massachusetts Zone Check is a major discovery. We knew that the Brockton & Plymouth St. Ry. issued zone checks in the early 1920's, because of an article in an issue of a street railway magazine at the time. But no one had ever seen one of them. Mr. Nowell says he obtained this zone check "with a box of rail uniform buttons." The magazine article said the firm issued 3 zone checks in three different shapes. So we presume the other two types will not be round.

The listing of the new manufacturers sample this month reminds me of the problem of MS #4A. I'd like to hear from someone who owns this token, and I would like to know if there is a comma after "Waterbury" on the reverse, as we have it listed. This is why I'd like to have photos or rubbings of tokens reported for listing--to avoid problems like this.

Along with the report of the manufacturers sample, Mr. Rice also sent in a listing of another token which has me baffled. This is a token like Philippines 700 C, but without the 4 holes in the token and also without the "20" on reverse. I don't know if this is an error, or like the tokens listed under Minn 50 (Anoka) which were sent by the manufacturer as solids to be punched out later. Also, was the number on the reverse of the Philippines token subject to change?

We don't have too many listings this month, but there are lots more pending. We have had months of famine in the past, but 1973 is a time of deluge. We try to work with the New Issues Service in publishing our monthly supplements. Twenty years ago we seldom had a token with a face value over 25¢, but lately we have lots of tokens with high face values. The N.I.S. likes to maintain a budget of about \$2 a month per person. Unfortunately some members of N.I.S. don't have even \$2 in their accounts, and will have to be skipped from now on.

We try to send out tokens to correspond with the new issues listed in that month's Fare Box, and if tokens are occasionally sent out ahead of that month's issue there will be a note "see November Fare Box" and you can then refer to that issue, when it arrives, for notes on the tokens you have received if you remain a member of NIS. For instance you will most likely receive the "November" new issues long before you get the November issue of The Fare Box. If you haven't been getting tokens from N.I.S. and have been a member of it, check with Mr. Nicolosi and either send him more money to keep your balance up, or let him know you want out. Right now it is raining tokens, and if you drop out you will miss a lot of new issues.

Alan Weighell reports that someone put a time bomb on one of the cable cars that use Ontario 565 A B C D. Damage was \$80,000, with a loss of \$150,000 to the Park Commission. I mention this because there are times when tokens are not used, if the facility is under repair, as obviously it was here.

= SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

The following is a corrected relisting of the highway tokens of Delaware and Maryland now in use. See Duane Feisel's prize-winning article in the December 1969 Fare Box. There has been a lot of confusion as to these tokens, and we consider the following listing to be the last word on the subject--up to now anyway. In place of valuations, we now use "NR" for "non-revenue," as these tokens have varying values when used, and are not available to the general public. The face value could vary from 50¢ up to several dollars, depending on which station they were used at; they are in current use, but very difficult to get for collectors.

DELAWARE HIGHWAYS 300

DELAWARE TURNPIKE

A	WM 27 Sd	John F. Kennedy Memorial Hwy. (red center for state police)	NR
В	WM 27 Sd	" (blue center for turnpike administrative employees)	NR
С	WM 27 Sd	" (green center for machine repairmen & miscellaneous use)	NR
D	WM 27 Sd	" (purple center for highway department employees)	NR
E	Bz 27 Sd	" (red center for Exxon service station employees)	NR
F	Bz 27 Sd	" (blue center for Texaco service station employees)	NR
G	Bz 27 Sd	" (green center for Hot Shoppes Restaurant employees)	NR
H	B 27 Sd	" (solid brass, for contractors)	NR
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(The colored centers of A thru G are anodized aluminum centers.)

MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAYS 670 (office at Perryville)

				STATE ROADS COMMISSION OF MARYLAND N.E. EXPRESSWAY	
A	WM	28	Sd	State Roads Commission of Maryland Official Duty	
				(for employees of Maryland House Restaurant)	NR
В	Bz	28	sd	(like A; for maintenance employees)	NR
С	В	28	Sđ	(like A; with green center for Texaco service station employees)	NR
D	В	28	sd	(like A; with red center for Exxon service station employees)	NR
E	В	28	sđ	(like A; plain solid brass for Maryland State Police)	NR
F	Bz	28	Sđ	State Roads Commission of Maryland Truck	
				(for maintenance trucks)	NR

(Md 670 tokens occur both with & without numerals stamped on reverse. The centers of 670 D and C and anodized aluminum.)

NOTE: Values of Ill 430 A B C, RI 520 K, and Va 580 O, should be listed as NR.

= WHEN TOLL BRIDGES BECOME TOLL-FREE =

In the July Fare Box I mentioned that tolls were to come off the Burlington Skyway Bridge in Canada, and that the tokens would then be obsolete. As a matter of fact I now learn that Ont 400 D E F were discontinued in August 1967, so the only token now to be affected is Ont 400 C. The problem, however, is that they have extended the tolls because they don't want to throw the toll-collectors out of work! So while they seek new jobs for the collectors they re keeping them on the job and keeping tolls on the bridge. A somewhat similar problem occurred at the other border, when the Santa Fe Bridge, connecting El Paso and Juarez (Mesico) became toll-free on the U.S. side on July 25, 1973. The Mexican toll-collectors were laid off. But they were members of the Mexican Electrical Workers Union (becausethe bridge was owned by El Paso City Lines), and in anger they impounded one of the streetcars when it was in Mexico. As of August 10 the trolley car is still a hostage in Mexico and the famed international carline has ceased operations. In Anger, El Paso City Lines says it will stop operating the trolley line altogether, and this appears to be the end of it, although there is a move afoot to get funds for public operation of the line, which is depended upon by thousands of Mexicans who work in El Paso, although few Americans except tourists ride it.

This is a list of corrections which did not appear in the 1973 Supplement, including a few corrections to the Supplement itself. Thus these should be considered an Annex to Page 35 of the 1973 Supplement.

AL 470 B - add (CRESCENT) to obverse AZ 80 A - on page 52 change caption beneath picture from 80 A to 80 D CA 760 J - on obverse add hyphen between AMERICAN-VECTURIST; on reverse delete periods in AVA and add 20 Yrs CT 55 A - 160 A - 220 A - 230 A - 325 A - 750 A - add period after HOUSATONIC. FL 530 F - add (white metal plated) HI 240 F - delete hyphen after ROSECRANS to make it ROSECRANS U-DRIVE-LTD. IL 785 A - change price from \$5.00 to \$2.00. MD 60 G - add hyphen to make it ACCOMMODATION-LINE. and add (Vars.) MN 400 A - correct spelling is JENSEN NJ 825 B - on Obv. delete comma after SALEM to make it SALEM N.J. \sim NM 430 A - change price to \$2.00. NY 235 B - on obverse it is two words RAIL ROAD NY 630 E - on obverse change LINES to LINE NY (page 378) - caption on photo refers to NY 630 Lb (not La) OH 230 G - in addition to deleting the comma, you should add a period: DAYTON. O. PA 750 T - left out by mistake. (Obverse same as 750 S); add T o Bz 25 Sd Conductor's Check SD 1000 H - add period after Us. on Reverse TX 340 G - add period after Burke. on reverse TX 340 P - add (Rev. C)

WI 530 - correct name of city is Monroe (not Ludlow as in Supplement); and add in the token listed as Wis 530 D on page 600 of Atwood, to the corrected relisting of the city on page 26 of the Supplement, making it now Wis 530 F.

WI 825 A - on page 26 of Supplement, make it T.B. TODD (not J.B. Todd)
Unid #12 - delete ¢ to make it (50 incuse); ¢ is on token, but not incuse

Unid #31a - change reverse to read (same as obverse)

Mfg Sample 4 A - delete comma after WATERBURY on Reverse

Mfg Sample 19 F - metal is white metal, not bronze

Mfg Sample 19 G - metal is bronze, not white metal

Canada - Ontario 999 A - on reverse add TWO to make it PASS TWO 2

CORRECTIONS TO FARE BOX SUPPLEMENTS:

1971 Jan. - CA 1000 B - add size (22mm)

1972 Mar. - CO 40 C - add size (28mm)

1972 May - Pa 1000 D - add N to make it N 7613 W

1972 Jul. - CA 1000 C - add size & metal: A 32 Sd

1972 Sep. - IN 890 F - should be Bar (not Sd)

1973 Jan. - ID 740 B - should be RIGS (not "results")

1973 Feb. - Timetables on Rev. add slash mark - Transfer / Line

1973 Jun. - IA 875 A - size is (27mm)

- NJ 20 J - letters are incuse

MO 820 E - size is 24mm

1973 May - CA 1000 L - size is 38mm, not 32mm

1973 Sep. - MA 295 A - incuse letters

NE 440 J - no period after H on obverse

NAMES IN SCRIPT (add the following to page 36 of Supplement booklet)

NJ 885 A to D; NY 630 T; Ohio 860 E to L; Wash 780 C D E M N O P.

Note: I previously made a correction to Alberta 140 A and B, to the effect that they should be listed as lead, copper-plated. I am now informed this was wrong, and the correct metal is jeweler's bronze, which is commonly used in medals. Don't have a designation for this yet; still under consideration how to list it.

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-October 1973-
SCARCE & RARE TRANSP., PARKING, AND CAR WASH tokens available for trade. Correspond-
ence and want-lists welcome. I will send my want-lists for each type to interested
collectors. = H.V. Ford - 6641 Saroni Drive -
                                                                   Oakland, CA 94611
WANTED: Pa. TT's. Let me know what you have. All letters answered. Thanks.
                                                                   Hatfield, PA 19440
                                 P.O. Box 156
DATE NAILS: wanted to buy or trade. Have many dupes. Send nails typical of those
in your area.
George van Trump
                           Box 656, Edgemont Branch
                                                                     Golden, CO 80401
FOR SALE: special pupil's ticket, Metropolitan Transit Authority (Boston) 25¢ +SAE.
WANTED: RI 520 F; NH 640 B C D G; Me 40 B, 80 A, 710 B; Mass 210 B, 305 A, 630 A F;
NY 280 C, 875 S. = Mel Beaton - 30 Hecta St. - Boston, MA 02122
I HAVE OVER 190 PARKING TOKENS to trade for TT's of equal cat. value that I need.
Philip Mandel - 131 S. Harvey Ave. - Oak Park, IL 60303
WANTED: buy or trade for Conn 85 D, 320 A C, 525 A, 560 B; Mass 45 B, 115 C E J K M,
                                                                  Oak Park, IL 60302
305 A, 505 B, 550 K P, 970 B C; NH 640 E F; RI 520 C E I, 700 B C; V+ 150 A C E.
Richard Parker - 6148 Edsall Rd. #304 -
                                                                Alexandria, VA 22304
MAIL BID: Ala 40 A, 750 F; Alas 300 G H; Ariz 1000 B; Ida 380 B; ILL 200 D, 385 A;
Ind 20 B; la 590 A, 930 C; Ky 450 Ab, 200 A (census)(slight bend, all details very
sharp), Ky 510 BC, 680 I; Me 480 A; Mass 45 B, 505 A B; Mich 845 A E; Pa 750 AT; all
bids must be in by Dec. 6.
Roice V. Rider
                                 1523 Balley St.
                                                                    Lansing, MI 48910
FOR AUCTION: (reserve bids in parentheses): Md 60 l ($10); Mass 550 G (unpunched)
(3.50); Timetable G (7.50), H ($25)(this has a 3mm hole in it); Conn 3250 A Ba Bb
only as a set; la 3150 A; NY 3629 D E only as a set; Mo 3910 A ($35); NC 3700 A ($15)
Pa 3260 Ya ($25). = Paul Targonsky - 23 Harrison St. - Meriden, CT 06450
1973 AVA Tour Token for any one of the following: Colo 300 E, 440 C, 460 A, 620 B,
or 640 A. Write first. = Lee Nott - 1120 Delmar #3F - Papillion, NE 68046
MAIL BID: NY 631 S, 505 A, 631 D; Pa 150 B, 320 A, 25 D A, 950 I J; Ohio 410 B, 745
E D, 175 Aa, 165 Z, 745 F; Fla 380 D, 860 A; Tenn 415 C, 345 C; SD 680 B A; Nev 100 B
Mass 115 O, 135 D; Cal 25 A, 760 I. Will consider trade offer of U.S. coins.
                                 23 18th Street
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                                                                    Luzerne, PA 18709
                                  487 Bennett St.
Dr. Herman Aqua
MAIL BID: Mich 65 G, 80 A, 125 A, 525 Aa C H I J K, 635 B, 735 B, 750 A, 770 E, 845 C
H J K. = F.D. Hartley - 5086 Islandview Dr. - Linden, M! 48451
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These are dated pre 1910. Two silver expo spoons 1901 Pan Am. and 1904 St. Louis
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                                 R6 Rd 650 W
                                                              Columbia City, IN 46725
WANTED: parking tokens. Have several hundred to trade for ones I need. Send your
want or trade list. Paying top prices for scarce parking tokens.
                                  10 Gallup St.
                                                                   Westerly, RI 02891
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Harvard L. Robbins - 46 Epps Street
FOR SALE OR TRADE: Wyo 100 Aa Ab Ba Bb. Will trade for Wash., Mont., Alaska, or
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    Seattle, WA 98133

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FOR SALE AT QUOTED PRICES PLUS POSTAGE: NY 10 N 50¢; Neb 440 J 55¢, K 30¢; Mass 115
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1000 F I J K 25¢ each; NJ 710 B 50¢; Ind 520 F G 45¢ each; Ontario 865 A 50¢, B 15¢;
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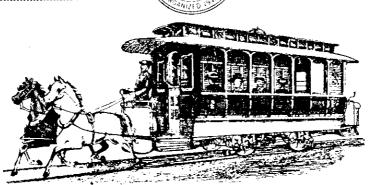
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December 8, at 2:15 A.M. As most of you ascertained, we discovered that it was impossible to include the copies of the AVA Constitution with the October issue. It ruined them to try to fold them. So it is included with this issue, in special $6\frac{1}{2}x9\frac{1}{2}$ envelopes. This issue has 20 pages, the most we can have along with the Constitution and still get in under the 3 ounce limit. So several good articles and a few ads had to be held over to the December issue, which will definitely be mailed by December 31, to beat the new 10¢ postage rate (which is an abomination, incidentally!). Ads of about 5 people were put over to that issue, but if your ad was sent in for this issue and didn't get in, you may still send another for the next issue. The reason for the large size of this issue is the very long and very excellent article on Swedish tokens by F.J. Bingen of Holland. I wish we had a few people over here who would do similar research on U.S. tokens. We do have a few of them, but a very few.

I now have a number of printed lists, by catalogue number, of the tokens in the Olney Foringer collection. Several of you have written in for them, but I probably have forgotten some of you. So if you'd like this list, send a SAE and one will be sent you. The lists are the work of Mr. Cunningham of Tecumseh, MI, to whom much gratitude! I already have a few generous bids, and I hope to close out this business by the end of the month.

I also have printed up a new batch of application blanks. If you want one or more, let me know. I would appreciate postage: 4 of them weigh an ounce.

We were much saddened to learn of the death of Marguerite Jernigan, wife of Ed Jernigan, AVA 1021. Some of his friends might like to drop him a line at 501 W. 9th St. - Jonesboro, IN 46938.

The fuel shortage is going to have unfortunate consequences for a lot of us, especially those who, like myself, enjoy taking long trips by car to search out old tokens. But all of its consequences won't necessarily be so bad. For instance a number of cities are now thinking of reinstating electric trolley cars! Yakima, WA, has already made arrangements to use an ancient streetcar on its streets, using the still remaining tracks of the YVT, and several other cities are looking into the matter. Of course, we could've told them years ago that it was stupid to abandon streetcars! With gas rationing, or sold at ungodly prices, there will be more rapid transit and more public transit of all types, which means more tokens for us. There will also be more passenger trains. God works in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform.

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= NOVEMBER MEETING IN NEW YORK = By Ralph A. Hinde

At the kind invitation of the Long Island Coin Club, the North Eastern Vecturist Association held their regular meeting during the Grand Central Coin Convention at the Americana Hotel, 52nd Street & 7th Avenue, New York City.

Nineteen members and guests took advantage of the meeting room set aside for us on Saturday morning, November 10: Brady, DiMichael, Heaton, Hinde, Epstein, Susanna Lewis, McDonald, Mastrich, Len & Ethel Paul, Pernicano, Pollack, Wadhams, Peg & Jack Wilcox, Zaika; Visitors Schmalgemeier, Slowasky, and Tom Haney of Paramount International. We can only wish that more vecturists had been there to see for themselves what goes on.

In the usual prevailing atmosphere of quiet concentration many tokens changed hands. Nobody bragged about special deals or particularly good fortune, but from the facial expressions you can be sure that everybody was satisfied. All of us took advantage of the convention's bourse, where many coin dealers displayed a wide variety of numismatic material. It would be impossible to enumerate the many items on display. However, our own special type of token was conspicuous (to our members) by its absence. Only a couple of transit items were available.

It was necessary to register (no charge) at the desk to enter the convention bourse. Full registration cost \$2.50 and you received the Convention Ribbon with the Long Island Coin Club medal enameled in blue, white & gold; their elongated coin; and a wooden nickel. Beautiful mementoes to fit in with anyone's collection regardless of his specialty.

NEVA has expressed their wholehearted appreciation to the Long Island Coin Club for the opportunity to meet under most satisfactory conditions. Incidentally two of their members are also NEVA members (Morris Bram and Emmet McDonald). Morris is also an AVA member and is very well known in numismatic circles.

= ONTARIO ELIMINATES SKYWAY TOLLS = By Ken Palmer

Midnight, December 28, 1973, will mark the end of the use of the token--Ontario 400 C. The Burlington Bay Skyway of Hamilton and the Garden City Skyway of St. Catharines will be toll-free from that date on. This will fulfill a policy commitment made by Ontario Premier William Davis in his budget speech of April, 1973.

The Hon. Gordon Carton, Minister of Transportation and Communication for Ontario, recently announced that a contract had been awarded to Cayuga Materials & Construction Co. Ltd. for removal of the toll booths on both skyways. The amount of the contract is \$289,723.00, with completion scheduled for May, 1974.

The Burlington Bay Skyway was opened in October, 1958, and it cost \$19 million. About 13 million vehicles use it annually, and in its 15 years of operation it has netted the Province \$8.5 million in revenue.

The Garden City Skyway was opened in October, 1963, and it cost \$20 million. In the first 9 years of its operation it grossed about \$5 million in toll fees. No net revenue figure was stated.

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= I STAND CORRECTED = By John L. Trembley

In my article in the Sept. FARE BOX I stated that all tokens with Type #3 bus on them show the bus on both sides with only one exception. I was wrong. There are 3. OH 35 D has the bus on reverse only; LA 810 H and PA 455 H have it on obverse only. A further breakdown is, 13 are student or school fares. 2 are half or child fare. one is a medicaid fare. The remainder are for full, zone or adult fares. The total number has risen to 81 with LA 80 B (this issue) which is Bz 16mm, 2 slots.

= TRANSPORTATION TOKENS OF SWEDEN = By F.J. Bingen

The acquisition of part of the collection of our former member, Mr. A.C. Hazevoet, and the cataloguing of the extensive contents of Swedish transportation tokens, has brought to light many unlisted transportation tokens. In addition, the careful study of Stiernstedt's catalogue of Swedish tokens (referred to herein as "Stj."), and of its two supplements in Numismatiska Meddelander (NMIV and NMXII) and of some other collections of these tokens, has provided sufficient material to compile a supplement to the Smith Catalogue of World Transportation Tokens. Use is also made of Mr. Gordon Dodrill's publication in the TAMS Journal of April, 1972, of the rubbings of Sweden Poletts having belonged to Mr. Eklund and later purchased by the late Mr. Howard D. Gibbs (referred to herein as TJ). For the ease of our readers, this article is held in the sequence of Mr. Smith's Catalogue.

Section 1 - PASSES

We begin with a pass of the Stockholms Angslups Aktibolag, which is in Yosef Sa'ar's collection:

S.Å.A.B. FRIBRICKA FOR ARBETARE (= "free ticket for workmen")
o B Ov Pc (mfg's seal for M. Petterson, Stockholm) (47x58mm)

Petterson was, according to Stiernstedt, a manufacturer of buttons, who also made some tokens. As far as I know this is the only transportation item he ever made. His name on the reverse of this token is in a 12mm circle.

In NMXII, p. 73, no. 19, is described a second workers pass, as follows:

(STAMPED NUMBER) FÜR ARBETARE I STOCKHOLMS ÅNGSLUPSAKTIEBOLAG o B 53 Pc (blank)

Like the foregoing this pass was used by the workers of the S.Å.A.B. on the ferries of their own company.

Besides that, on page 77 of NMXII (no. 10) is given a pass of Stockholms Nya Sparvägar:

STOCKHOLMS NYA SPÄRVÄGS AKTIEBOLAG (ROSETTE)

o L Oc Sd (wreath of oak leaves around empty field) (25mm)

There also seems to have been a free pass used on Stockholms Central Omnibus Linie (Smith 820 X/Z), but to my regret the description of this piece, which should show the word "FRIBILJETT", on page 78 of NMXII is not sufficient to give an exact listing.

Section 2 - TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

ALINGSÅS 80 [not Alingasas]

The initials S L H on token 80 E stand for the name of the captain of the ship, S.L. Hellquist (NMXII, p. 4, no. 5)

ANDRARUM 95 [not Andrarums]

The tokens listed for the Alumworks of Andrarum, situated in the province of Christianstad, are not transportation tokens. The initials C P on these tokens are those of the owner of the works, Count Carl Claes Piper, who died in 1850. I M = ett mansdagsverke, or one man's day's work (Smith 95 A). I D K (Smith 95 B) = en dags körsel, or one day's hauling. I QV = ett quinsdagsverke, or one woman's day's work (Stj. p. 20, no. 1/3). Pictures of these tokens are found on page 63 of TJ.

ATVIDABERG 110 [not Atvidabergs]

The F B on Smith 110 A stand for FRI BILJETT = Free Ticket. Besides this token, stamped at the bottom with the letter L, there are also known the following transportation tokens of the copperworks of Atvidaberg:

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F B (2 CROSSES) (ALL STAMPED)
                                                     (Stj., p. 258, no. 4)
                  (blank) (34x48mm)
E o S Ov Pc
               F B AND 2 CROSSES AND SMALL A AT THE TOP (ALL STAMPED)
                                                     (NMIV, p. 70, no. 1)
                  (blank) (34x48mm)
F o S Ov Pc
               F B AND 2 CROSSES AND SMALL B AT THE TOP (ALL STAMPED)
                                                     (NMIV, p. 70, no. 2)
                   (blank) (34x48mm)
G o S Ov Pc
               F B AND 2 CROSSES AND SMALL B AT THE BOTTOM (ALL STAMPED)
                                                     (NMXII, p. 154, no. 1)
                   (blank) (34x48mm)
Hos Ov Pc
               F B AND 2 CROSSES AND SMALL BT AT THE TOP (STAMPED)
                                                     (NMXII, p. 154, no. 2)
                   (blank) (34x48mm)
I o S Ov Pc
               F B AND 2 CROSSES AND SMALL E'AT THE TOP (ALL STAMPED)
                                                     (NMXII, p. 154, no. 3)
                   (blank) (34x48mm)
Jos Ov Pc
               F B AND 2 CROSSES AND SMALL L AT THE TOP (ALL STAMPED)
                                                      (NMIV, p. 70, no. 3)
K o S Ov Pc
                   (blank) (34x48mm)
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Smith 110 A is pictured on page 63 of TJ and as explanation for the letter L on this token we have Lorday (= Saturday). NMIV (p. 70) however states that this token should have been used for the workers of the Landbrucket (the agricultural industry) belonging to the copper works and 110 F would have been used for workers of the copper works itself.

No explanation is given in NMXII for the letters B, BT and E on the tokens 110 G/J. There were used, however, three more tokens by the Atvidaberg copper works, tokens of the denominations of 5, 10 and 15 ore, described by Smith (110 B/D) and by Stiernstedt on page 258. If we now read in Stiernstedt's catalogue that the 15 ore token (Smith 110 D) was used from Atvidaberg to the Bersbo Mines, the 10 ore token (110 C) from Bersbo to Botorp, and the 5 ore token (110 B) from Bersbo to Edshyttan, would it then be too bold to believe that the B on the tokens 110 G/H stands for Bersbo; the BT on 110 I for Botorp, and the E on 110 J for Edshyttan?!

As no. 5 on page 258 of Stiernstedt's catalogue, is listed a token similar to Smith's 110 B, but struck in steel. This steel token was not used for the transportation of persons, but for the dispatch of goods.

AVESTA 120

Though at first sight the tokens 120 A and B don't look like transportation tokens, they certainly are, and they have been in use for the workers of the Avesta Copper and Iron works to pass with their loads the Elfbro. Stiernstedt lists on page 31 and 32 a full range of these tokens:

				I AFWESTA BROO TILLIA 1698	
0	W	25	Sd	(blank)	(Stj., p. 31, no. 47)
				EN AFWESTA BROO TILLIA 1698	
0	K	25	sd	(blank)	(NMXII, p. 5, no. 4)
				I AFWESTA ELFBRO TILLIA	
0	K	25	sđ	(blank)	(Stj. p. 31, nr. 48)
				in the 17th Century; see picture in TJ	on page 63]
				(FLEUR DE LIS) PASSE RAR	
0	K	25	sa	(blank)	(Stj. p. 31, no. 49) (also 17th C.)
				I (LOAD OF COAL) PASSE-RAR	
0	ĸ	30	sđ	(blank) (Smith 120 A) (Stj. p. 31, r	no. 50; picture TJ, page 63)
				B (WAVING LINE AT THE TOP AND THE CHE	EMICAL SIGN FOR COPPER
				AT THE BOTTOM [] (ALL STAMPED)	
0	K	32	sa	(blank)	(Stj. p. 31, no. 56)
				B (WAVING LINE AT THE TOP) (ALL STAMP	
0	K	32	sd	(blank)	(Stj. p. 32, no. 56)
				CROWNED B (STAMPED)	
0	K	32	Sđ	(blank)	(Stj. p. 32, no. 57)
				CROWNED K (STAMPED) (WITH & WITHOUT L	
0	K	32	Sđ	(blank) (picture TJ, p. 63)	(Stj. p. 31, no. 52/53)
				K (WITH & WITHOUT LINE AT THE BOTTOM)	
0	K	32	Sđ	(blank)	(Stj. p. 32, no. 54.55)

-November 1973On page 63 of TJ are pictured two further tokens of these works, struck in copper, and said to be toll tokens. Both tokens with 3 crowns are listed by Stiernstedt, on page 32, and according to his description they were used to enter the gate of the factory.

GEFLE 220

The tokens Smith 220 AL/AM are not transportation tokens as such, but they were used by the workers of the Gefle-Dala (not Daia) Jernväg (Railway). 220 AL for 1 K (en kanna mjölk) and 220 AM for 2 K (två kanna mjölk) (1 or 2 cans of milk). (NMIV, p. 13, nos. 17 and 16)

GÖTEBORG 240

NMXII lists on page 36, under no. 15, the same token as Smith's 240 AC - the 12 öre overstamped with 15 - of Göteborgs Angslips A B. Instead of Smith's listing, however, the reverse is not blank but bears the old Sporrong seal no. 701. The same listing occurs in Atwood's old Foreign Check List (300 W). Further, NMXII on p. 36, no. 18, a brass 10 öre token (25mm) overstamped with the value 15 (in the same way as was done with Smith 240 AC of the old Göteborgs Angslups A.B.), which token is not listed by Smith.

Neither does Smith list the brass octagonal 6 ore token of 25mm (NMXII, p. 36, no. 31) and the same token overstamped with the value 5 (NMXII, p. 36, no. 32). Both tokens were apparently overlooked, as they were also listed in AFC as 300 AQ and AP.

Of Göteborgs Stads Färjor och Ångslupar, there is in my collection an oval scalopped 5 öre token (like Smith 240 CP) in zinc instead of brass.

GRANGARDE

Under Abo (Finland) are listed by Smith the following two tokens:

WESSMAN ANGSLUPS-POLLET

Wo K 30 Sd (blank) Xo B 30 Sd "

I don't know why these tokens are listed under Finland. Atwood gives them on page 80 as Swedish tokens under Wessman (AFC 960 A/B) and I believe he at least partly was right there. Wessman is the name of a lake in Sweden between the villages of Grangärde and Ludvika (community Grangärde), some 50 miles to the south of the town of Falun in the Province of Stora Kopparberg. After constructing of a railway in 1860 to the Norra Barken Lake there was also established a steam launch line to this lake, for which was used the Ångslup called "Wessman." On this boat were used the two tokens listed above, which therefore should be transferred again to Sweden. The listing was made under Grangärde, since this is the community in which Lake Wessman is situated.

HELSINGBORG 300

In my collection are the tokens 300 J and AP with, on the reverse, Sporrongs seal 711.

The tokens 300 K and L occur with Ch, too. Were these two tokens still in use when 300 BE was centerholed and altered in 300 BG, or were these two old tokens at that time centerholed by mistake?

HERNÖSAND 310

The tokens listed by Smith of the Hernösands Angslups A.B. also occur in Stj. (page 216, nos. 1,2,5,4,3). Only, the second token with blank reverse has a difference in listing. Smith gives this token with the remark, "counterstamped on obverse." Apparently he took this from the listing in AFC, which stated "counterstamped" for this token (360 E). Neither Smith nor Atwood gives an indication what sort of counterstamp this should be. Stiernstedt states that the token without denomination had a value of 15 öre. The same token with a center hole had a value of 12 öre. What AVA member has token Smith 310 B in his collection, or is there any member who has this token with center hole? This just to confirm whether the listing of Atwood and Smith, or that of Stiernstedt, is the correct one.

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JONKÖPING 360

On page 67 of TJ is listed a brass octagonal 3 Kroner token of Stora Limugnen, as a steamboat token. Stora Limugnen, however, was a värdshus (inn) and according to NMXII, p. 49/50, it issued a whole set of tokens ranging in value from 5 Kroner to 5 öre (nos. 4/13).

KONGALY 420

The 25 ore (Smith 420 A) in my collection is centerholed. A town of the name of Kongaly is not to be found in any of the reference books on Sweden that I have in my library.

MALMO 500

In 1889 there was built a railway from Malmö to the fishing and industrial village of Limhamn, situated to the west of Malmö. The traffic on this line started on December 21 of that year. Partly the line was built on a dike, which broke down in 1902, but was soon rebuilt. This railway was much used by fisherwomen, who went from Limhamn to Malmö and therefore the train was called in popular language the "herring train." Thirty-six trains went each way every day. When the electric tramways of the town of Malmö built a line to Limhamn in 1915, the passenger traffic on the railway soon dropped to nearly nothing, and next year the passenger trains were abolished, and the line remained in use only for freight.

In was Dr. K. Vákár, the numismatolog of the Malmö Museum, who furnished this information, replying to a question I had asked him about a 10 ore token in my collection which had not been published until now. Mr. Vákár further told me that the museum collection did not contain the 10 ore piece, but did have a similar piece of 15 ore for the same railway, and I therefore can report the following two tokens here:

(WINGED WHEEL)

o B 21 Sd Malmö (star) 10 (star) Limhamn o B 23 Sd Malmö (star) 15 (star) Limhamn

MOTALA 530

The Angslupen Hulda tokens of Motala are extensively listed in NMIV, p. 26, nos. 7/15. It is not quite clear why Smith also lists the oval 5 ore token in brass and in zinc (530 G H). Is this a later issue? Do these tokens really exist, and who has them in his collection?

NORRKOPING 600

As may be known with many Swedish tokens, it is often hard to say whether they are made of copper or brass. In the following, I shall list some distinct copper or brass tokens which are not listed by Smith.

The first one is the Norrköpings Spärväger Pollett för Vuxna (Smith 600 g), which also exists in copper.

NYLAND 620

The Angslupen Trafik token of Nyland (45 miles from Hernösand to the northwest of this town) (Smith 620 M thru U) also exists without stamped value.

SÖDERHAMN 800

As Smith states of page 187 of his catalogue, several of the older ferry tokens used in this town occur with sides clipped. Some of these clipped tokens are listed, others are not. The tokens with N (steamship Nyttig), 800 Q (30 öre), 800 T (15 öre) and 800 V (10 öre) exist also without clippings (NMIV, p. 57, nos. 14,19,24). The Riksdaler tokens for the Nyttig Ferry (800 J and K) occur, according to a note on p. 57 of NMIV, also with the stamp "1 R D N" instead of "1 R S D N". The 50 ö of the Nyttig Ferry (800 W) was also struck on Händig tokens, the H being altered in the letter N.

Of the Händig tokens with H, 800 Z (10 ore), 800 AD (30 o), 800 AG (15 o), 800 AI (10 o) and 800 AJ (5 o) were originally struck and issued without any clippings (NMIV, p. 58, nos. 48,31,40,45,52). Most of these Händig tokens come also without the stamped seal (city arms of Söderhamn).

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Of the Färdig tokens, the 15 öre (800 AS) was also issued centerholed (Stj. p. 254, no. 27). Besides that, this token was also issued without any clipping (NMIV, p. 59, no. 16).

Smith lists the 25 and 20 öre tokens of the Angbâts Bolaget Flink Söderhamn (800 BG/BH) as oblong, while Stiernstedt gives these tokens as octagonal. Both are in my collection and I should list them as oblong, with clipped corners.

Nya Ångslups Bolaget started in the beginning of 1872 with the steam ferry "Emma" bought from Ångslups Bolaget Nya Föringen of Stockholm. In its earliest times were used on this ship the old tokens of Nya Föringen (800 DM) stamped with the additional denomination, as follows:

ÅNGSLUPS NYA FÖRENINGEN BOLAGET (20 STAMPED ABOVE NYA and ÖRE below FÖRENINGEN)

o K 29 Sd (blank) (Sc) (both sides clipped)

o K 29 Sd (like above, but 15 on obverse above NYA) (top clipped)

o K 29 Sd " " 10 "

The brass ABNF barn token (820 DQ) was also used on the "Emma" in Söderhamn, without the addition of a stamped value. (NMIV p. 60, no. 75/78).

Of the new tokens of Nya Angslups Bolaget is also known the following token:

NYA ÅNGSLUPS BOLAGET SÖDERHAMN ÖRE

o K Ov Sd (blank) (10 stamped on obverse) (28x19mm) (NMXII, p. 140, no. 22)

An oval token is known also of the Angslupen Dristig (800 BT/BZ)

DRISTIG ÖRE

o K Ov Sd (blank) (30 stamped on obverse) (29x22mm) (NMXII, p. 140, no. 23)

The Neptun token of 15 ore (820 CR) seems to exist, according to the listings in NMIV, p. 62, No. 102 and in NMXII, p. 140, no. 24 also with the old Sporrong seal 701.

SORFORS 810 (not Sorfor)

in TAMS Journal on page 71 there is illustrated the 25 ore of the Ironworks of Sörfors with the name of the ship "Prinsessan Lovisa." Instead of what is stated in TJ these tokens are really transportation tokens. The said ironworks, situated in the village of that name in the community of Atmars in the province of Vesternorrland, in 1874 purchased the steamship "Princessan Lovisa" from the Bolaget Nya Föreningen at Stockholm and they used this ship to forward passengers from Matfors or Sörfors to Wifsta for a fare of 50 ore and from Sörfors to Tuna for 25 ore. They probably made shorter trips also, for there is also known to be a 20 ore piece (810 B). It should be mentioned that the 5 ore token of this ship (810 C) is overstruck on the 20 ore token (NMIV, p. 63, no. 1-3).

STOCKHOLM 820

Compiled from Stiernstedt's catalogue and its supplements, Kenneth Smith in the Aug., Sept., Oct., and Dec., 1950, issues of THE FARE BOX gave a short history of the omnibuses and ferry companies of Stockholm. Most of the members of the AVA won't have access to this early article and I therefore recommend that our Editor ask the World Transportation Token cataloguer to republish these articles in due course. Stockholm is the city where more transportation tokens were used than in any other city in the world, and the history of public transport in Stockholm would, indeed, be very interesting to our readers. In regard to this, in the following there has been only incidentally paid attention to the history of the different companies.

We begin our remarks on Stockholm TT's with the tokens of the Kungsholms Omnibus of 1852. These were issued with several counterstamps, the explanation of which is given in Smith's above-mentioned articles. In his catalogue, however, he lists this token with the counterstamp ÅB (820 E), which stands for Ång-Bât, or steamboat, under omnibus tokens! Tokens with this stamp, however, were used on the ferry Kungsholmen-Riddarholmen, the ferry on which were used the tokens listed as 820 BA/BF (Stj. p. 233 no. 70).

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The Bolaget Föreningen 25 öre token (820 AB) is listed in Smith's Catalogue as oval. This should be--according to the picture on page 191A of the Catalogue, as well as to the picture on page 72 of TJ--listed as Ob (quarter circle corner cuts). As such it is listed by Stiernstedt, p. 227, no. 24, Atwood 800 AI gives it the description "Ob (clipped corners).

Stiernstedt states (p. 227 no. 28) that the Föreningen 8 öre (820 AG) was also stamped with the mark JGS on reverse (like the counterstamp on the Phoenix tokens (820 AQ-AT)), the initials of the former captain of a merchant vessel, J.G. Söderberg, director of several Stockholm ferry companies and one of the founders of Stockholms Ångslups A.B. AFC also lists this token under no. 800 AF. A son of Mr. Söderberg had his and his wife's initials H & C S (Herman and Constance Söderberg) put on Phoenix tokens too (820 AU and Stj. p. 229 no. 37). This is contrary to Mr. Smith's statement in his article in THE FARE BOX of Sept., 1950, that these initials should be those of the father and mother of Mr. J.G. Söderberg. Herman Söderberg was for some time executive director of Stockholms Ångslups A.B.

The Barn-polett of 5 ore issued by Angslups Bolaget Föreningen was stamped with a 4 over the value 5 (Smith 820 AK) and as such used as a child fare token by Stock-holms Angslups AB, when in the summer of 1873 the adult fare for the trip to Skinnar-viken by way of trial was raised to 8 ore. Before the end of the same year, however, this increase was canceled. The token, therefore, was only in use for a few months (NMIV, p. 41, no. 39).

AFC lists a 25mm brass token (800 AO) with ANGSLUPEN SVALAN and a blank reverse, apparently taken from Stj., p. 228, no. 34, Smith doesn't list this token under Stockholm in his catalogue and it seems he was correct, but I can't see why this token en was omitted. In my copy of Stiernstedt's catalogue is placed a pencil note at the listing of this token on page 228, no. 34: "Aldrig andvänd i Stockholm", which means "never used in Stockholm." IN N.M. IV on page 38 it is stated for sure that the token in question was not used on a Stockholm ferry. Its type is not the usual type for Stockholm ferry tokens, and besides that nothing is known of a ferry company of the name of Svalan. As far as can be said this token was probably used on one of the many village ferries, most likely in the neighborhood of Stockholm. One thing is certain, however, it definitely is a ferry token and therefore deserves to be listed by Mr. Smith, though for the moment as Unidentified.

Smith 820 AX has on the obverse the initials PE & CS, standing for P. Elde and Carl Scheutz, the owners of a ferry which ran from the city to a point in the neighborhood of Mälaren (NMXII, p. 75, no. 40). The token is pictured on page 71 of TJ.

The Museum-Staden 1862 tokens (Smith 800 BJ/BM) are also described by Neumann on page 43 of Volume VI of his standard work on copper coins. Of this token he lists 3 sizes, one of which, the 28mm token (Neumann no. 33812) is not listed by Smith.

On the ferry Ladugardslandet-National Museum-Staden on which were used the before mentioned tokens Smith 820 BJ/BM, as well as 820 BN/BO, was also used a round zinc token:

3 ÖR o Z 22 Sd (blank) (Stj. p. 237, no. 94)

This token was the forerunner of the tokens 820 BK/BM, which were also valid for 3 $\ddot{\text{ore}}$. In quantities these tokens were sold for $2\frac{1}{2}\ddot{\text{ore}}$.

The brass and zinc TEGELVIKEN tokens (Smith 820 BS/BT) were used on the ferry between Tegelviken and Hermansdal. Before the issue of these tokens, there were used on this ferry 2 öre zinc tokens, square with clipped corners. Smith describes the latter token further on in his catalogue under 820 GY. The same company issued also for use on the ferryboats between Tegelviken and Finnboda Beckbruk (pitch factory at Finnboda) the oval brass token with TFB, listed by Smith as 820 CX. This token valued at 6 öre. A picture can be found on page 72 of TJ. In a second edition of Smith's Catalogue these 4 tokens should be put together (Stj. p. 239-40, nos. 113/115).

The metal of the Ångslupen Nackanäs token of 8 öre (Smith 820 CH) should be altered from from brass to steel, the brass token being already listed as 820 CG (see also AFC 800 DY and St.J. p. 239, no. 112). The Ångslups Bolaget Nackanäs token (Smith 820 DB--why are the Nackanäs tokens not listed together?) in my collection has blank reverse.

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The Angslups Bolaget Nya Föreningen brass token (Smith 800 DM) is also to be found round (not scalloped) or octagonal by clipping the edges (NMXII, p. 75, nos. 36 and 37).

Smith lists a 6 ore scalloped brass token (820 DZ) of the Ångbats Bolaget Nya Föreningen. TJ gives on page 72 a picture of this token with Ångslup and NMXII, p. 75, no. 35, lists a similar token with Ångslups. Who can tell us which of these quotations is the correct one? May I guess that it is the one in Numismatiska Medalenden?

Of the Nya Ångslups Bolaget poletter, catalogued by Smith on page 194 of his Catalogue, are 2 unlisted varieties in my collection: 820 EA, obverse type E, reverse (Rev. 704). 820 EB, obverse type #, reverse (Rev. 705). There probably are other varieties to be found.

Of the older Stockholm Ångslups A B tokens without the boat are known the following unlisted items:

STOCKHOLMS ANGSLUPS AKTIEBOLAG ORE (2 LEAVES)

OB OV Pc (blank) (stamped 40 on obverse) (30x21mm) [like Smith 820 FB but Pc] [NMIV, p. 39, no. 7] STOCKHOLMS-ANGSLUPS AKTIE BOLAG. ÖRE

o B 28 Sd (blank) (stamped 8 on obverse) (with half round cuttings at top and bottom) [NMIV, p. 40, no. 28, and my collection]

Of the Stockholms Angslups A B tokens with the boat, are known the following unlisted items:

STOCKHOLMS ANGSLUPS AKTIE BOLAG ORE (STEAMBOAT WITHOUT DOG)

O K 29 Sd (blank) (stamped 25 on obverse) [like Smith 820 GA but round]

[Stj. p. 231, no. 46 and AFC 800 FD]

STOCKHOLMS ANGSLUPS AKTIE BOLAG ORE (STEAMBOAT WITH GUNWALES AND NO DOG)

O K 29 Sd (blank) (stamped 12 on obverse) [like Smith 820 GP but copper with blank reverse] [NMXII, p. 73, no. 10 and AFC 800 FU]

O B 29 Sd (blank) (stamped 12 on obverse) [like Smith 820 GP but blank reverse] [NMXII, p. 73, no. 10 and AFC 800 FT]

The latter token in brass (12 öre) as well as the 15 öre (probably Smith 820 GO) in copper and the 10 öre in copper (Smith 820 GL?) are listed in AFC (800 FR,FO,FY) also with the new round Sporrong seal. Please, readers, check your collections and let me know whether these tokens really exist!!

The tokens listed by Smith as 820 HX/HY should read PELIKAN on obverse instead of PELIKEN (Stj., p. 240, nos. 116,117). (See also the picture on page 72 of TJ.)

Smith 820 ID/II are all elevator tokens, as well as 820 JX/JY, and they should therefore have been listed in section 3 of the Catalogue. The Maria Hiss was situated on the southern border of the Mälaren in a building on the Söder (southern) Mälarstrand no. 21. It went up to the top floor of this building (92 feet high) and the exit was in the Bellmansgatan, which street had to be reach by way of a footbridge. In the Bellmansgatan is also the Mariachurch, after which the hiss was named. At first this elevator was run by an independent company, the Maria Hiss Bolag. Afterwards it came under the control of Stockholms Angslups A B, which was already operating the ferry line from Söder Mälarstrand to Riddarholmen. According to investigations carried out by Mr. Hazevoet the Maria Hiss (Maria Elevator) was put out of use in 1922.

Of Stockholms Södra Spårvägs Aktiebolag are two unlisted varieties in my collection:

STOCKHOLMS SÖDRA SPÅRVÄGS AKTIEBOLAG

o B 16 Sd SSB (in monogram) (like Smith 820 JN but in brass) o B 22 Sd (Rev. 706) (Smith 820 JP)

The Stockholms Stads Hiss token of 2 ore (Smith 820 JY) in my collection is pierced with a numeral stamped on the reverse.

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The Berg and Adacker token listed on page 199 of Smith's Catalogue (800 JZ) is in fact an elevator token, and should therefore also have to be listed in section 3 with the Mosebacke Gangbro tokens on page 232. Messrs Berg and Adacker, owners of the Mosebacke theatre presented this token to the visitors of their theatre, when they bought their tickets at the booking office in town. With these tokens, free use of the elevator was possible, at the end of the Moosebacke footbridge. (NMXII, p. 76, no. 7).

The following token on page 199 of Smith's Catalogue is much older than the Berg & Adacker token. It was put into use as early as 1877 and the value "15" was stamped on it. (NMIV, p. 75, no. 9)

Of the Carl XII Torg - Stadsgården tokens, the 7 öre (Smith 820 KC) is in my collection both in copper and in brass. Of these tokens I believe a mistake has been made with the listing of 820 KF and KG. The former is Ch instead of Sd and the latter is, to the contrary, Sd instead of Ch. As such these tokens, both of which are in my collection, are also listed in AFC (800 KR and LJ).

Of the newer Stockholms Ångslups A B tokens, Smith 820 LJ has three times the word Trettio (thirty) on the obverse and in the middle "30 ORE". Over this is 30 stencil-cut. (NMXII, p. 74. no. 22 and my collection). The white metal 15 ore (820 LT) is also known without center hole (NMXII, p. 74, no. 25). There still has been in use another 15 ore token. The 9 ore white metal token (820 MA) is also issued with "15" stamped over the old value (my collection). The 5 ore token in brass (820 MK) in my collection was also struck by Sporrong with his seal 722 on the reverse. (The Gumaelius token with Rev. 731 is in my collection too.)

Of the Stockholms Angslups AB tokens with the denominations Sc the following varieties are in my collection:

STOCKHOLMS ÅNGSLUPS AKTIEBOLAG ÖRE

O BZ OV 60-sc (RV 731) (30x21mm) (Sc) [like Smith 820 NS]

STOCKHOLMS ÅNGSLUPS-AKTIEBOLAG 25

O WM Pe 65-sc (RV 731) (23mm) [like Smith 820 NT]

The listing of the aluminum S Å A B tokens on page 203 of the catalogue should be as follows:

STOCKHOLMS ANGSLUPS-AKTIE BOLAG (STAR) 25 (DASH BETWEEN ANGSLUPS AND AKTIE)

OC A 25 Sd Passagerare-Pollett C.C. Sporrong & Co. Stockholm

OD A Pe Sd (same as OC) (21mm)

STOCKHOLMS ANGSLUPS AKTIE BOLAG (STAR) 25 (NO DASH)

A Pe Sd (RV 731) (23mm)

To close the Stockholm listings here is the report of a previously unlisted ferry token, used by the workers of the Stockholm Navy Yard on the ferry to that yard:

STOCKHOLMS ORLOGSVARV

o B 20 Sd (RV 706)

UPSALA 870

The Menotti token (Smith 870 B) in my collection has clipped corners. This is true of all those tokens, according to the listing in Stj., p. 256, nos. 1/5 (i.e., for Smith 870 A/E). TJ gives the Menotti token (870 C) in copper. I doubt if this is correct. In all catalogues these tokens are listed in zinc and therefore the listing in copper probably is an error.

The steel railroad token (870 F), with the incuse letter J is not a transportation token. It was, however, used by the construction of the railway between Upsala and Bergsbrunna, part of the railroad from Stockholm to Upsala. The token was given to the workers on this railroad for every load of sand they delivered. The payment of the workers was in accordance to the amount of tokens which were handed in at the end of the day. (NMXII, p. 146, no. 27)

Several of the Upsala transportation tokens are known with numerals on the reverse and sometimes with a round hole over the triangle center hole:

UPSALA SPARVAGAR (NUMERAL STAMPED ON THE REVERSE)

- o K Sq Tr-sc M.W. Rothoff Upsala (19mm) (with round Ch) [like 870 AA]
- O WM Sq Tr-sc " " [like 870 AB]

UPSALA SPÄRVAGAR (NUMERAL STAMPED ON THE REVERSE) (26x19mm)

- o WM Ov Tr-sc M.W. Rothoff Upsala [like 870 AD]
- o WM Ov Tr-sc " (With round Ch) [like 870 AD]

The brass round Vuxen Pollett with Upsala Sparbank on the reverse (Smith 870 AJ) was also struck in bronze and the same brass token with Ch (870 AL) occurs with a $2\frac{1}{2}$ and a 4mm center hole.

VASTERÅS 875

The brass Västerås-Hästholmarne token (Smith 875 B) is, in my opinion, pentagonal shaped, or at least the piece in my collection has this shape. Is there a round piece, too? Would any owner of this item inform the writer about the shape of his token? Thanks!

Besides the tokens listed by Smith for the town of Västerås the following ferry tokens exist:

MARTA (5-POINTED STAR) VESTERAS (5-POINTED STAR)

G o Bz 27 Sd a. (RV 705); b. (RV 706)

H o B 19 Sd a. (RV 706); b. (RV 708)

I o WM 19 Sd a. (RV 706); b. (RV 708)

The tokens 875 H and I were also issued cut in half and as such they were used for half fares.

The origin of these tokens was not difficult to discover, the name of the town being on the token. Mr. Hervor Magnusson of Västerås Stadsarkiv was so kind as to send me a copy of a part of a book on the history of the town of Västerås, and there we found the story of the steamship "Märta". The town of Västerås in 1899 bought in its surroundings large properties of land, including three islands, the Easter—and the Wester Island (the Östra— and Västra—holmen) and the island of Elba, on which was a summer tea garden. For the visitors to this garden there was a steam launch service, which ran from the spirit distillery in Västerås to the island. The factory bought a small steam launch for this service, the "Märta." In 1912 the town took over this ferry service, as well as the "Märta." The traffic on this ferry line increased in a few years in such a way that by 1919 "Märta" had to be sold (for 10,000 Kroner) and a larger steamship was bought, for 75,000 Kroner.

VAXHOLM 880

Smith lists two tokens of the VASHOLMS ANGFARTYGS AKTIEBOLAG, a scalloped round brass one (880 A) with Star-sc (Rev. "Fran Vaxholm till Stockholm") and an octagonal (?) WM token (880 B) with Triangle-sc (Rev.: "Fran Vaxholm G. Ramso-Rindö - Lindal - Palsund"). On page 75 of TJ the first token (880 A) is listed in brass and in white metal. On the other hand AFC lists the second token, 880 B, in white metal in two varieties: AFC 950 B with triangle-sc, and AFC 950 C with a Star-sc. As these tokens are used in the first half of this century, they are not listed in Stiernstedt's catalogue nor in its supplements. Can any of our readers draw a light on this matter?

To this small town, situated in the neighborhood of Stockholm to the northwest of the city on the Baltic, belongs also the following previously unlisted transportation token:

ANGSLUPEN · STEGESUND · (STAMPED 15)

o B Oc Sd (RV 704) (24mm) (4 corners quarter round cut)

Knowing that there are quite some islands in Sweden called Stegesund it seemed difficult to locate this token. It was again Mr. Vakar from Malmo who came to our aid. Thanks to him I was contacted by Mr. Fritz Soderman from Stockholm. Mr. Soderman not only could give the full explanation of the use of this token, he also produced a postcard with a picture of the steam launch "Stegesund." Here is his story: "About 75 years ago an inhabitant of Waxholm bought an island on the east coast of Sweden

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near his living place, called Stegesund, with the intention to sell parts of it to different people as building lots. For the short trip from Waxholm to Stegesund he needed a boat and he bought a steam launch and called it "Stegesund." After having sold all the building lots on his island the boat was sold to the Waxholms Bolaget, that ran various lines to several islands around Waxholm. The postcard on which is to be seen the picture of the steam launch "Stegesund" is dated 9 December 1903."

It certainly is mere luck to find information like this on an old token, which has only been in use for a few years.

SECTION 3 - BRIDGE TOKENS

HISINGEN 320

Hisingen is not a town, nor a village, but an island situated on the north bank of the Göta Elf to the north of Göteborg. On this island is the factory of Lindholms Verkstad with shipbuilding yards and a large dry dock of 340 feet in length hewn in the solid rock. The connection between Göteborg and Hisingen is maintained by the Qvillebäckens Bro, on which were used the tokens Smith 320 RA/RF. According to this the listings should be made under Göteborg instead of under Hisingen (NMXII, p. 45, Nos. 89/92). About the token that Smith lists as 320 RG, I couldn't find anything. However, it is possible this token was used on the same bridge.

STOCKHOLM 820

In this section should be listed the Hiss (elevator) tokens (Smith 820 ID-II) (and 820 JX-JZ) (see above).

Further, there are in my collection the following varieties of the Mosebacke Gangbro tokens:

MOSEBACKE GANGBRO 3 ORE (3 is 3mm wide)

RCo B 28 Sd (h) (RV 702); (i) (RV 711)

MOSEBACKE GÄNGBRO 3 ORE (3 is 5mm wide)

RDo B 28 Sd (e) (RV 711)

The overgangspolett (Smith 820 RH), being a transfer token, is listed in the wrong section and should be listed in section 2. A similar token is 820 LC, a transfer token of S Å A B.

TROLLHATAN 840

Smith lists as 840 RA a token for the foot bridge over the Toppö-fallet in the Götha-elf, taken from the listing in Stj., p. 255. Baedeker's guide of Norway, Sweden and Denmark states the following about this bridge:

"From the island of Ona we cross another bridge and reach a small swaying bridge to the island of Toppon (25 ö - 2 persons only may cross at a time). This island affords the best views of the Toppo Fall, 42 feet high, the grandest of the series which it separates from the Tjuf Fall ("Thief Falls"). A bridge (25 ö) crosses also from the island of Ona to the wooded island of Gullö."

In addition to Smith 840 RA, there is in my collection a second token of this foot bridge:

TOPPON 25 ORE

RBo K 29 Sd (blank)

Should there also be a similar token for the Gullö Bridge?!

Readers who should visit Sweden nowadays will be disappointed when visiting Trollhättan. Birgitta Ahlberg in her guide "A Trip on the Göta Canal" (a canal route across Sweden from Gothenburg to Stockholm) tells us Trollhättan is now one of the biggest power stations in Sweden, but "the bed of the river at Trollhattan is usually dry, the water runs through a system of canals blasted through the islands to the south of it. There are in the first place the power canals which lead to the turbines and then the traffic canal which, coming from below, begins at Holmen and ends at Stallbacka." In this enthusiastic description there is no place for Toppön or Tjuf Falls!

DORMSJO 170

TJ gives on page 64 the right explanation for the use of the token described by Smith as 170 VA. It was used as payment for the delivery of one load of copper (lass malm) by the Dormsiö copper works (Stj. p. 49). This token, therefore, is not a transportation token.

This can be said also of.

ECKERSHOLM 175

where Smith describes a similar token (175 VA). This token is also illustrated on page 64 of TJ (Stj. p. 51, no. 3) and it was given for every truck of coal delivered by the workers of Eckersholms Jernverk (ironworks).

SECTION 9. SHIP MONEY TOKENS

In my collection are the following two ship's money tokens:

SCHWEDISCHE AMERIKA LINIE / 50 / PHEFFIG / BORDGELD / D. MARIEHOLM / OSTSEEDIENST

o Fo 36 Sd (same as obverse) (aluminum rim)

SCHWEDISCHE AMERIKA LINIE / 2 / MARK / BORDGELD / D. MARIEHOLM /

OSTSEEDIENST

o Fb 36 Sd (same as obverse) (aluminum rim)

These round tokens are made of cardboard with printed text in black and they were used on the Swedish-America Line on the cruises of the steamship (D = Dampfer) Marieholm on the Baltic Sea. There probably have been in use other denominations too, at least a 1 Mark. The tokens must have been issued prior to 1924. Otherwise they should read in "REICHSMARK." I take it Mr. Smith--differing from Atwood's Catalogue--will not list these tokens in his catalogue, though I cannot understand why this difference is made between these two catalogues.

To end the Swedish listings we now publish the--as far as I know--only known item of this country of ADVERTISING PIECES.

Sporrong of Stockholm has, like the American token manufacturers, also issued an advertising token:

AB SPORRONG & CO · STOCKHOLM · MYNTVÄXLARE · POLLETTER ·
B 19 Ch AB Sporrong & Co. · Sweden · Coin Dispensers · Tokens ·

In this article the author has put many questions before the readers of THE FARE BOX. It would be appreciated if any collector of world tokens, who has Swedish tokens in his collection, would give his cooperation. Every problem solved will bring us to a more complete and accurate Catalogue of World Transportation Tokens. Many thanks!!

- F.J. Bingen

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= THE I.C.R.R. "PASS" - ILL 150 R = By Allan C. Williams

ILL 150 R was in use at the Illinois Central Railroad freight house at South Water Street in Chicago. The purpose of the token is still hazy. Some of the former employees there remember the tokens as being used to sign out for something from a foreman. Others remember the tokens as issued to freight forwarders as identification while on the property. There may have been several uses because some of the tokens have had additional numbers struck on them. In any case, the tokens do not appear to have been used for transportation.

There seems to be no one who remembers when the tokens were last used. The freight house has been reduced from the large volume of less-than-carload-lot days, and although still used to some extent, the volume and employees has been reduced considerably. In 1969 many of the former freight house employees were absorbed into other Illinois Central RR departments. Seven of the former freight house employees became suburban trainmen. The South Water Street area is being developed as part of the Illinois Central Industries air rights program. One of the buildings replaced was one that had survived the Chicago Fire of 1871.

(Editor's note. Along with the above article, Mr. Williams sent the Editor two slightly different examples of ILL 150 R, and added "More tokens may exist." He told me to keep them. I now believe ILL 150 R should be deleted, and in any case the \$5.00 price tag in the Catalogue is ridiculous.)

Beginning in January, the Denver Transit Token Club will have a new meeting place: the Majestic Savings & Loan Assn., at 2807 So. Colorado Blvd. in Denver. Their meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm. Every AVA member who happens to be in the area is welcome to attend.

On page 124 of last month's FARE BOX we listed a 25mm aluminum token inscribed "JAPAN AIR LINES ONE YEN FOR TRAVEL", in our New Finds Dept. Donald Punshon has now solved that problem. "They were given out three or more years ago," he writes. "It was an ad with a play on words: one yen for travel (one craving for travel). I did not bother getting one." So that item is nothing but a cute advertising piece, and has nothing whatever to do with being a transportation token. Hope none of you paid a bundle for one of them!

= NOVEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO THE CATALOGUE OF WORLD TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =

By Kenneth E. Smith

AUSTRALIA

Australia, like most countries, has suffered the last few years from inflation, and the ferry companies have had continually to raise the price of 3- and 6-month passes. After each raise fewer people signed up for the passes, and with the last sharp raises the companies effectively discontinued their metal passes.

MANLY 480 (Reported by R. Owen of Manly Co.)	
P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JULY DEC. 1972 (18x30mm)	
SAo B Sd (numbers) (G plated)	\$1.00
(300 passes made numbered 1 to 300)	
P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JULY SEPTEMBER 1972 (20x29mm)	
SBo B Sd (numbers) (G plated)	1.00
(120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	
SCo K Sd (numbers) (Gm plated)	1.00
(80 passes made numbered 1 to 80)	
P.J. & M.S.S. CO. OCTDEC. 1972 (21x24mm)	
SDo B Sd (numbers) (G plated)	1.00
(120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	
SEO K Sd (numbers) (Gm plated)	1.00
(80 passes made numbered 1 to 80)	
P.J. & M.S.S. CO. JANJUNE 1973 (28x29mm)	
SFo F Sd (numbers) (G plated)	1.00
(300 passes made numbered 1 to 300)	
P.J. & M. S.S. CO. JANMARCH 1973 (21x24mm)	
SGo B Sd (numbers) (G plated)	1.00
(120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	
SHo K Sd (numbers) (Gm plated)	1.00
(80 passes made numbered 1 to 80)	
P J & M S S CO APRIL JUNE 1973 (23x22mm) (numbers)	• ••
SIO B Sd (blank) (G plated)	1.00
(120 passes made numbered 1 to 120)	
SJo K Sd (blank) (Gm plated)	1.00
(80 passes made numbered 1 to 80)	

As of June 30, 1973, the new general manager discontinued the use of metal passes. Riders now have to use the cardboard monthly passes which will not be listed in this catalogue. A tradition of using metal passes for over 80 years had died.

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SYDNEY 720 (Reported by L. Hawthorne)

S H F 1 (21mm) (used July to Sept. 1972)

OWO B Hx Sd (numbers) (Sv plated)

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As of October 1, 1972, the company started using passes, omitting SHF, which only had a SINGLE LARGE NUMBER on them such as 1,2,3,4, signifying the quarter in which used. As these are manufacturer type passes and may be used for other purposes, following A.V.A. practice I am not listing these passes at present. If ever listed they will have to be at nominal values. There also went another traidition of using metal passes for about 90 years.

As we define them, there are no ferry passes (metal) in use anymore; victims of inflation.

Remember when you report new discoveries, in addition to giving the exact wording, spelling, and punctuation, to send rubbings or photographs. This is essential to insure accurate listings. Please keep the listings coming.

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	CALIFORNIA Long Beach 445 (Reported by B.J. Rohrer)				
*	LONG BEACH P.T. CO. Q.M. 3rd EDITION (GLOBE & "QUEEN MARY")	. 30 _.			
恢	Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by New Issues Service) CONSOLIDATED STREET RAILWAYS PICO RIVERA, CALIF. A 32 Sd Identification Check Only Please Return to Driver	.15			
Â.		.30			
	MARYLAND Baltimore 60 (location reported by J. Pernicano) WOODEN NICKEL GYYNN OAK PARK (INDIAN HEAD) AWO We 38 Sd Good For One Free Ride on Bargain Days Gwynn Oak Park	.15			
	NEW YORK Copiague 145				
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	.50 .50			
	Elmont 235 ONE FARE THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD M C WM 28 Sd Belmont Park Race Track (M = Metropolitan Transit Authority) 1.	, 7 5			
	RHODE ISLAND Providence 700 (Reported by Hector Turegon to John Coffee) H A 23 St-sc[same as 700 G but anodized red] (* 9/73)	. 3 5			
	WISCONSIN Somerset 825 (Reported by Gerald Johnson [C]; F. Hartley [D]) FLOAT-RITE PARK, INC. SOMERSET WIS.				
N.	C A 29 Sd Good For One Aerial Chair Lift Ride MILT'S FLOAT'N BUS	. 35			
*	·	.50			
	AMUSEMENT RIDE MANUFACTURERS' TOKENS (page 635) Group 101 (Reported by H. Reidling)				
		.15			
	CANADA: ONTARIO Owen Sound 700 (Reported by John Curtis) COTTEN'S				
	E B 17 Sd (same as obverse) (* 9/1/71) [student token]	.25 .50			

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

It seems that when Long Beach, CA, orders more tokens, they inscribe them as "editions." Thus we may soon have a "4th Edition" Queen Mary token. These tokens were received in July, 1972.

On the California 1000 token, the owner of the line has been experimenting with

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the use of the tokens, and they have been used at various times for various purposes. Since several collectors have written the company and obtained the tokens we decided to go ahead and list them, even though a definite use has not been decided on yet. "Consolidated Street Railways" is actually a bus company.

I noted back in November, 1968, that the Baton Rouge company had been sold and the new name would be Metro Transit. We also had seen, about October 1969, a notice that Baton Rouge was going to an exact fare plan and would use tokens for adults and children. But when I inquired I was told that 80 A was the only token in use. I also noted in December, 1971, that the City had taken over and the company was now called Capitol Transportation Corp. A couple months back Mr. Garrison passed thru Baton Rouge and bought ten tokens, all of which had nicks on them. Later, arrangements were made for the New Issues Service to purchase a supply, and so we now list the token. The company did not answer a request for information, but we know that these tokens are used as convenience tokens at a 30¢ fare. All the tokens have the nicks on them—why we don't know. So if you get yours from N.I.S. and aren't satisfied, just return it, as we don't have enough to go around as it is.

We knew about the Baltimore wooden nickel for some time but didn't know where it was from. Joe Pernicano found out, and got some from the source: Gwynn Oak Amusement Park, Inc. - 6000 Gwynn Oak Ave. - Baltimore, MD 21207. The New Issues Service won't handle this one; you might be able to get one by writing directly. N.I.S. does not like to mess with wooden nickels. They get broken in the mail, and take more postage than they're worth. Also a lot of N.I.S. members don't want them anyway.

We are also, at long last, listint the two tokens of Bornscheuer Bus Company. A new member reported these to John Coffee a couple years ago--but John can't remember who it was! We couldn't figure out where or when they were used. In desperation, John checked all the greater New York City phone directories, and wrote to every Bornscheuer listed (there aren't too many Bornscheuers, even in NYC). Finally back came a letter from "Educational Bus Transportation, Inc." with two tokens, but no explanation. Further letters to EBT brought nothing bus silence. But as we now had a name and a place, we asked Mel Fox to go over there and find out what was going on. He did, and informed us that they didn't answer our letters because they were running low on tokens and didn't want to part with any more of them. However they since ordered a new supply and we were able to get a supply for N.I.S. This one really took some doing to get! Anyway, the outfit that issued the token was sold a couple years back to the E.B.T. firm in Copiague. The line operates between Amityville, Copiague, Lindenhurst, Babylon and West Babylon, and the tokens are used for the directions indicated on them, as return fares (presumably on purchase of a round trip).

We also have another token for Belmont Race Track. Note that when we listed NY 235 B the fare was \$1.00, in 1968. It is now \$1.75. The 235 B was marked obsolete, but now it's back in use again. It seems they ordered another small supply, and mixed them in with the older tokens, and the new ones apparently went into use a couple years back. Tokens are sold at 3 places: at Penn Station, at Flatbush Avenue Station in Brooklyn, and at the racetrack at Elmont. A New York collector is trying to make arrangements with the Long Island RR office to see if we can get any uncirculated tokens for collectors, but so far no success. The problem with just buying tokens at the 3 places mentioned is that what you get are 75% the B token and only 25% the C token. What to do with all the excess B tokens? The guy selling them is not about to pick out the C's for you while the line stands behind you. See page 86 of July 1973 Fare Box for information on the different divisions of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of New York.

On the colored Providence token: Mr. Coffee got the story of this token from Hector Turgeon who, however, was unable to send him a token. So John wrote the Providence bus system and asked for a single token and information on their use, which he obtained. These tokens are anodized red and sold to Textron Corporation for a trial plan, whereby Textron buys them at 35¢ from R.I.P.T.A. and sells them to their own employees at 2 for 35¢ (thereby subsidizing employees' bus rides), the purpose being to encourage employees to leave their cars at home and ride the bus. The plan was instituted for a 30-day trial period, and was sufficiently successful to be extended for another 6 months. We suspect the gas shortage will make the plan permanent. But meanwhile, only about 2,000 tokens have been anodized and they don't have enough for

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our N.I.S. But we may be able to get a supply if the plan is dropped and the token become obsolete, or if the plan is made permanent and a large quantity are anodized red. On the other hand, the man at R.I.P.T.A. is not satisfied with using colored tokens, because he says it would be too easy for kids to color the ordinary tokens, which are school tokens worth only 20¢ apiece. RI 700 G (the unplated token) is strictly a school token, and should be listed by us at 20¢. We made a mistake putting it down at 35¢. The man at RIPTA said he'd prefer using solid tokens to the colored ones. So what the future holds is anybody's guess. The only certain thing is that this RI 700 H may be a difficult one for most collectors to obtain.

The N.I.S. got a supply of both the Somerset, Wis., tokens, but not in time for the October FB listings. The C token is an entirely different die from that used on B. You can differentiate between them by checking the commas. As far as I know, the C represents a reorder to supplement the dwindling supply of B. As for Milt's Float'n Bus, this bus runs $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles up the east bank of the Apple River and is associated with 3 different parks. Float Rite is at the end of the Apple River run. Bus fare is 50° and tokens are dispensed to campers who use the parks.

We're listing another of those amusement ride tokens, reported by Mr. Reidling. On some of these there's a question if the metal is bronze or brass, but Mr. Reidling reported this one as brass. I have no idea where Agricolo Shopping Center is, but if anyone recogizes the name please let us know.

The two tokens from Owen Sound are a couple more we've been trying to get for some and finally did obtain. The 17mm brass token is sold only at schools, and the blue aluminum sold only at the office. Possibly we are listing the aluminum at a higher price than it deserves, but the listing involves the price it cost us to get them. The C and D became obsolete as of September 1, 1971, being replaced by these other two. So please bear with us on some listings, as we hold them up till we find out if they can be obtained. This involves delays sometimes, but in the long run we all benefit, because if we list a token before we know anything about it, and a bunch of people write the company, they usually get disgusted and refuse to send tokens to anybody.

= NOVEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

The past few months have been hectic ones, with tokens coming in faster than I could sent them out. All member of N.I.S. will receive 5 tokens this month, one of which is Canadian). Providing your account warrants it, this month you will receive Cal 445 G, thanks to Mr. Rohrer; La 80 B, thanks to Mr. Bill Garrison; Wis 825 C D, thanks to Tex Barnett and Quincy Laflin; and Ont 700 E, thanks to Mr. Curtis. These gentlemen have helped us before, also, in getting tokens, and we are very grateful for their continuing assistance!

There will actually be two sendings for November--for November itself, already on its way to you, and then later the December new issues which we mail in such a way as to avoid the Christmas mail rush.

I've just received the October foreigns from Ken Smith, and thanks as usual, Ken, for these. But the way things look now, the foreigns will have to wait till after the first of the year; just too swamped with tokens to send out right now!

Again, let me say please keep your NIS account up. A lot of you, as a matter of fact, won't be getting this months' tokens just for the reason you don't have enough money in your account to cover them. Sorry about that, but I can't buy tokens from the bus companies with your promises.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Olympic College in Bremerton, Wash., is offering a course on Numismatics, beginning January 4, 1974. It will include two 2-hour sessions entitled "The Wonderful World of the Vecturist," and these will be presented by G.W. Gallagher, Captain USN retired, AVA #568. Enrollment already is in excess of fifty for the course!

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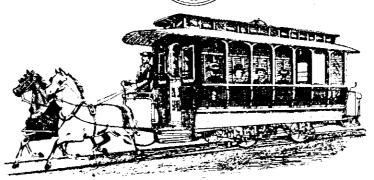
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MAX BABINGER

The Editor regrets to announce the death of Max Babinger, AVA #383, on December 11. Mr. Babinger was a long-time member of the AVA, having joined us back in 1961. He was one of the founders of the North Eastern Vecturist Association, and served that club as Secretary since 1970. One of our quieter constituents, Mr. Babinger was friendly and unassuming, and a regular fixture at our New York meetings. The passion of his life was railroads and trolleys. As his friend Ralph Hinde wrote about him, "He was not one of our more articulate collectors, but there was something about him that made you like him. I feel we will all miss him."

January 10, at 6 pm. The Postal Service has grumpily acceded to a directive of the Cost of Living Council, and postponed its inflationary 25% rate hike. So our deadline for publishing this issue was removed. This issue contains a page of photographs in connection with the McGoldrick Bros. Ferry. The photo pages were given to us by Leo Spillane of Pilgrim Coin Galleries, Inc.

It is time to pay your annual AVA dues again. Dues are \$5.00 if paid by March 1, or \$5.50 after that. You may send your dues now to AVA Treasurer R.K. Frisbee - 211 King St. - Denver, CO 80219. Or you may wait until the January Fare Box is delivered to you, with a printed dues envelope accompanying it. I regret it was impossible to include dues envelopes with this issue, but the printer didn't get them to us in time. In either case when you send in your dues, please be certain to include your AVA number. This is vital because Mr. Frisbee keeps his records by AVA number, and not by names.

With this issue the Editor marks out 25 years of service as Editor of THE FARE BOX. I became co-Editor with the January, 1949, issue, along with Meade Peebles, who dropped out in September of the same year and left the burdens to me. Milestones such as this make one look back over the years, and wonder where the time has gone. It does not seem like a quarter century! I can only say that being Editor has added immeasurably to my enjoyment of the hobby—acting as a kind of nerve center of transportation token collecting. It has been a lot of fun, and I expect that the next 25 years will be even more fun.













= IT'S THE TOKENS---and a Lot More: =

At this writing all the delegates should have received their 'belated tour tokens,' as well as those members who were awarded a Silver Token to go along with the plaque for Distinguished Service. Mailing the many pieces was quite a chore—and one can really appreciate all of Nick's effort in his role with the New Issues Service. I don't think I could do it as a regular task, even for pay. Nick, I speak for many of the Regular and Associate members of NIS in saying, "You're doing a great job. Bless you for it."

A belated congratulations is extended to Ray Byrne, for capturing the $Best\ of\ Show\ Award\ at$ the A.N.A. Convention at Boston.

In writing this column, many thoughts are passing through my head. These of course relate to our hobby and organization. The most persistent of these relates to what I consider a waste of our meager funds: the yearly mailing of membership cards. We are all aware that commencing next year the postage rate for first class mail will be raised to 10¢. If this practice is discontinued it could effect a saving of some \$60.00 plus. There are other areas where this sum could be applied.

Perhaps you as members would send in replies to this idea. In the next issue of THE FARE BOX you will receive your Dues Notice for 1974. I sincerely hope that each of you will include some comment on it, along with your check. Toby Frisbee will take care of the checks, and in turn will give me the notes to study, and submit a report in some future column. To clarify it a bit further—all members will receive a membership card; as long as they remain in good standing and pay their annual dues, no further card would be needed.

A very special congratulations is extended to Lee Nott, and his co-author Jim Wright, for their catalogue of Colorado Merchant Tokens. Although my interest in this area is very limited, I found the book very beneficial.

Regarding the "Emergency Tour Token": a limited number of these were obtained, and were distributed to the members attending the Convention. About 30 of them are still on hand, and are available at no cost. Please send a stamped addressed envelope with your request. Also we still have a supply of the regular tour tokens, at \$2.00. And the Convention group photo at \$2.00, and Sid White advises that the PNC is also available at \$1.25. Those who order the token and group photo will receive a copy of our Anniversary Program and ribbon (while they last).

Must get back to the stack of unanswered mail. Till later, the very best of everything to all of you, and a Happy New Year.

- Syd Joseph

= PRICES REALIZED AT ROICE RIDER'S OCTOBER AUCTION =

AL 40 A\$5.20	IL 200 D16.75	KY 45 Ab\$8.10	MA 45 B\$8.65
AL 750 F 4.60	IL 385 A12.35	KY 200 A76.10	MA 505 A 4.17
AK 300 G 1.05	IN 20 B11.25	KY 680 I11.00	MA 505 B16.00
AK 300 H 1.50	IA 590 A31.60	KY 510 BC 3.55	MI 845 A46.50
AZ 1000 B 5.16	IA 930 C 6.25	ME 480 A21.00	MI 845 E 5.75
ID 380 B 8.15			PA 750 AT20.00

= OF TRANSFERS AND TRADE TOKENS =

George C. Smith (32 Bartley - St. Peters, MO 63376) writes that he has some transfers from St. Louis and Hawaii, and will gladly send them to anyone who wants one free. Send SAE please.

Del Ford (Box 15263 - Del City, OK 73115) sends along a Xerox copy of an excellent study of Oklahoma trade tokens. Any collector interested in receiving a copy for himself may have one for \$2.00, which barely covers reproduction and postage cost. Write Mr. Ford directly. It's an interesting and unusual little book.

-December 1973-= 1974 A.V.A. CONVENTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 9,10,11, IN MINNEAPOLIS =

Arrangements have already been made to hold the 1974 Annual Convention of the AVA at the Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, 315 Nicollet Avenue, in Minneapolis. The convention will be held the second weekend in August, beginning Friday the 9th and continuing through Sunday the 11th. The hotel has a parking garage for whose who arrive in their automobiles, and there will be no charge for parking, if you stay at the hotel.

One highlight, which the Editor always likes, will be that cookies and coffee will be available all day long on Friday and Saturday during the trading and business

sessions!

There will be a mail and floor auction in conjunction with the Convention, and Quincy Laflin will be in charge. Further information about the 1974 Convention will be printed in THE FARE BOX as time goes by. Suffice it to say, for now, that the conventions held previously in Minneapolis have been among the most delightful of all.

= CAR WASH TOKENS = By Harold V. Ford

Many thanks for all the "Yellow Page" phone book listings of car wash tocations. I received 37 different yellow page listings from ten different cities. Several unidentified car wash tokens were located as a result. So my sincere thanks to all who responded to Don Punshon's suggestion.

The new printed, priced, and hardbound Car Wash Token Catalogue, with photos of many of the tokens, will be published in 1974, and our Editor is currently suffering through the labor of typing, photo cutting and pasting, and last-minute additions. This will be an excellent and valuable catalogue, one which all collectors of exonumia will want, and it will be available to everyone. AVA members will have the usual opportunity to order copies in advance at a price just over the actual cost of producing them.

As space becomes available in THE FARE BOX, I shall list the remaining Unidentified car wash tokens, hoping someone will recognize a listing and report its home.

Meanwhile, please report new issues of car wash tokens to me.

Hal Ford

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EDGAR LEVY

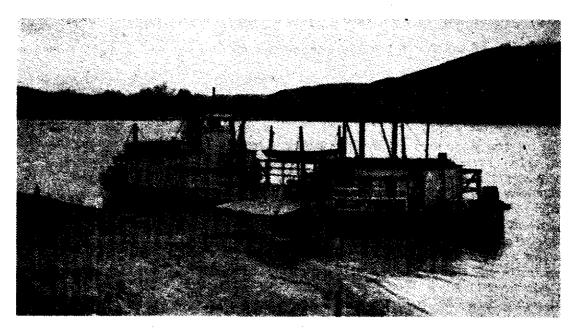
One of the pioneers of transportation token collection, Edgar Levy of Colorado Springs, died last October 23 at the age of 82. Ed Levy was Charter Member #15 of the A.V.A. He served as Curator in 1950, and as Vice President in 1951. He chaired the 1952 Convention at Colorado Springs, but shortly after that he sold his collection and dropped his membership in 1957. He auctioned off his rarest tokens in an auction in the pages of THE FARE BOX which sent us all scrambling for our bank books. Back then prices were much more sensible even for extreme rarities. For instance I recall purchasing at his auction Va 350 A for about \$9.00, and that token is still the only known example of the Fredericksburg Bridge token. And for about \$7 in the same auction I got Mo 130 B.

Ed was a kind of "Old Curmudgeon" of the hobby, with strong and definite ideas about lots of things, and he didn't mind speaking his mind. But he had a heart of gold, and he was as fair a man as you would ever meet. Those of us who knew him will miss him...a lot. In his day, he was one of the giants of the hobby.

A small dedicated group of trolley fans is restoring a 1901 Brooklyn streetcar which will begin operating next June over half a mile of Penn Central RR track along the downtown riverfront of Detroit, as a tourist attraction.



PAT McGOLDRICK AND FAMILY, TAKEN ON THE DECK OF THE FIRST FERRY ABOUT 1910.



THE SECOND FERRY, "CITY OF SPRINGFIELD," AT THE VERMILLION CROSSING. TAKEN IN THE EARLY 30'S JUDGING BY THE MODEL "A" ON DECK.

= THE McGOLDRICK BROS. FERRY OF SPRINGFIELD, SOUTH DAKOTA = By Leo W. Spillane

The first of the two ferries which were operated by the McGoldrick Brothers, Pat and Tom, began service across the Missouri River in]904. The ferry ran between Springfield, S.D., and Santu, Nebraska, where the Santu Indian Reservation was located. The great majority of the passengers were Indians.

The original ferry continued to operate until the early 1920's, when the new boat, the "City of Springfield," was put into service. The material for construction of the new boat was shipped in from Seattle, Wash. A clipping from the local newspaper makes

mention of the new construction:

"Pat and Tom McGoldrick have taken the machinery out of the old ferry and junked the boat. They have in an order for special lumber and will rebuild the boat, to have it in readiness as soon as the ice leaves the river in the spring. McGoldrick Bros. plan on having as good a boat as floats on the Missouri."

The McGoldrick tokens were given as change which could only be used toward a return fare.

A page from the daily ledger of the ferry line gives some insight into a typical day's operation:

1928 - Satarday May 12

1 Car	one way	1.00	4 fut R T 1.00
l Car	one way	1.00	2 fut R T .50
2 fut	RT	•50	2 Cars one way 2.00
l Car	one way	1.00	2 Cars one way 2.00
	R T	.50	5 fut R T 1.25
l Car	Joe Johnsto	n 1.00	2 fut RT .50

(Note: above spelling is left as in the original)

In the early 1930's the shifting sand bars in the Missouri forced the ferry to be moved to a new crossing, between Vermillion, S.D., and Maskell, Nebr. This location was halfway between the bridges at Yankton, S.D., and Sioux City, Iowa.

A clipping from this time period gives some indication of the seasonal restrictions on the ferry's operation:

"The ice on the Missouri River near Maskell broke up and began moving downstream Wednesday afternoon March 2. The ice was all honeycombed and was from two to eight inches thick in most places. A year ago, March 1, Pat McGoldrick, the ferryman, made seven trips across the Missouri in the ferry boat 'City of Springfield.'"

The ferry continued to operate at this crossing until Pat McGoldrick passed away and the ferry was sold for other uses.

All of this background material for this article was kindly provided by Pat Mc-Goldrick's younger daughter, who is the baby held in her mother's arms in the accompanying picture taken of the family about 1910 on the deck of the first of the McGoldrick ferries.

= PRICES REALIZED AT RECENT ED DENCE AUCTIONS =

NJ 250 A\$2.50	PA 495 G\$3.00	PA 750 D\$5.25	PA 750 0\$12.30
OK 640 A 9.25			
PA 458 A 7 60	PA 750 A 27.80	PA 750 N27.85	PA 750 AE17.95

A final comment on the Silver Anniversary medals appears necessary. Past president Robert Ritterband is receiving numerous inquiries from AVA members, new and old, who want to buy their copies now. NO more Anniversary medals are to be had!

Beginning at the Denver Convention, and for several weeks thereafter, a total of 265 pure silver medals were distributed to the advance subscribers. The net price was \$6.70 each, including shipment. With silver bullion now being quoted around \$2.85 per ounce, the melt-down ratio itself is unusually high, indicating that these pieces will continue to increase in market value, aside from being great keepsakes.

Of the 180 original buyers, 136 had ordered one medal each, and 27 others bought two copies. Three pieces each went to five members: Dence, Hamano, Raburn, Ritterband, and Streeter. Clymer and K. Smith each acquired four copies. The maximum of five medals each were bought by ten members: Bolz, Crockett, Cuttle, Lanham, R. Parker, Rieder, Schmal, Scroggins, J. Smith and Varner. Any pieces entering the market in the near future would most likely come from these forsighted quantity buyers.

= CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS MEET = By R.B. Carter

The California Association of Token Collectors closed the year 1973 with a November meeting at the home of genial hosts Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ritterband. Eighteen persons were in attendance including three guests. Members included Alpert, Atwood, Barnes, Carter, Crusen, Elman, Kubach, Lipshie, Manning, Ritterband, Ken Smith, Kirk Smith, Thompson, Ticknor, Willihan. Guests were Virginia Barnes, Molly Ritterband, and Eleanor Smith.

Everyone arrived early, which precipitated selling and trading. A brief business session was held during which Mr. Ritterband (representing our AVA president Syd Joseph) presented an AVA Denver Convention Award for Distinguished Service to Roland Atwood. Nominations were accepted for officers for 1974. Our meeting place for January 1974 will once again find us at the home of our Secretary, Elaine Willahan.

Those of us in Southern California would like to wish all AVA members a Happy New Year.

= DECEMBER NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT = By John G. Nicolosi

After several months of a deluge of tokens I am now clearing my desk, and waiting for the next onslaught or bombardment of tokens, as we do have several pending for after the first of the year. The December new issues should be in your hands (that is, those of you with sufficient funds in your account to cover their cost). These are NY 145 A B, Cal 1000 O, and the companion piece to last month's Ont 700 E--you will get F, thanks to much again to Mr. Curtis, who provided these for us, as he did the 700 E. Unfortunately we shall be a bit short of the 700 F's, so some of you later members won't get it. Sorry but this happens once in a while.

I was going to wait till after the first of the year to send you collectors of foreign the October foreign, but decided to get them to you and save on postage and beat the hike, which originally was scheduled for the first week in January. As usual our thanks to Ken Smith for the foreign tokens, as Mr. Smith supplies the N.I.S. with 99% of all the foreign tokens we send out.

I don't like to keep harping on the same subject, but those of you with low or debit accounts had better check with me in a hurry, as I won't be able to carry you any longer. There are just too many members waiting to take your place--who really want to collect tokens.

We've had problems getting the Baltimore Tunnel token. If we get it, it will be sent after January 1. Time will tell. Meanwhile, Happy New Year!

= BRASS AND IRON TOKENS OF COPENHAGEN, DENMARK = By Jørgen Sømod

Mr. F.J. Bingen, in the December, 1972, issue of THE FARE BOX, wrote that the early tinned iron tokens should be considered fakes. He asked me, in his article, to justify these iron tokens as having been used as transportation tokens. I shall try.

The founder of the Danish Mumismatic Society in 1885 was Major General C.T. Jørgensen, who owned two iron tokens which came into the possession of the Royal Coin and Medal Collection of the National Museum of Copenhagen in 1906. In the Museum Protocols it states that these tokens were transportation tokens of the Københavns Sporvei.

In 1965 I bought a big collection from a dealer. The dealer had had the collection for nearly ten years. In the collection were nearly 500 Danish tokens of all kinds, all from the 19th Century. And of course many of the oldest Danish transportation tokens were there, both in brass and in tinned iron. Both the brass and the iron tokens were in the collection marked "Københavns Sporvej."

The owner of the collection had been a very well known man, co-founder of the Danish Numismatic Society in 1885 (as a 20-year-old student). He later became professor doctor of theology and a member of the Danish parliament. His name was J. Oskar Andersen. His father was also a collector and co-founder of the Danish Numismatic Society, and his name was Ole Andersen. He was a lawyer and church warden for a church on Frederiksberg Runddel, where the first terminus was.

In a collection belonging to Københavns Sporveje we also find iron tokens, both 4 and 8 skilling; and in brass we find a 4 skilling nr. 1, and a 4 skilling without number; also in brass an 8 skilling nr. 7 and 10.

Similar tokens, but of a smaller size, and thicker, and *all* in brass were about 25 years ago bought of a Danish collector, Mr. Rudolf Christiansen. He had never seen other skilling tokens "in the flesh," which is why he thought these were genuine. These tokens were later given to Sporvejs Historisk Selskab, Copenhagen.

The small tokens are fakes, and the manufacturer of them had never seen the original tokens except in photographs which he probably saw in a book about Københavns Sporveje of 1936. But in this book they were all illustrated in the same too-small size and by mistake listed as struck in brass!

= NEW FINDS =

J. Roger Bolz telephoned the Editor from Nebraska the other night, and during the course of a long and enjoyable conversation he informed me that he had picked up several rare Nebraska pieces, to wit: 120 B, two 540 C, two 540 D, and 980 A. He also obtained a Kans 40 A, as well as the beautiful old carmine celluloid Equador 360 A. A nice haul! Roger is one of our more successful sleuthers, and there's not a cranny of Nebraska he hasn't visited digging out rare tokens.

Yosef Sa'ar, our Israeli member better remembered as Joe Kotler by most of us, wrote recently that he picked up Irish Free State 280 AD which, he adds, is "much scarcer than similar English tramway tokens." Since the token shows a doubledecker tramcar on it and is dated 1897, we can agree with him. He also strongly objects to continued use of "Irish Free State" for what has long since been called "Eire." Joe concludes with the fascinating news that he is now "working on a petroleum company bus token from a Persian Gulf sheikhdom."

Finally, Don Punshon reports that he picked up Unidentified #52, the G.S.R.W.Co. horsecar token. He now intends to turn his considerable talents toward finding the origin of this piece. Personally, I think it's from some small town in the Southwest, since there is a certain similarity between Unid #52 and NM 430 A. In any case, the G.S.R.W.Co. token is one of our rarer horsecar tokens, and one of our handsomest.

In the past few months there seems to have been little luck among our members in unearthing old rare tokens. If you have recently obtained a census token from a non-AVA source please write the Editor and share the news of your good luck with all of us.

= VICTORIA RAILWAYS TRACKMAN'S PASS OF AUSTRALIA = By Les Hawthorne

Victoria (Australia) Railways used passes which, in the nature of their use, were almost identical to the Housatonic Railroad tokens of Connecticut and Massachusetts in the United States. An example of these Victoria tokens, or passes, is thus:

TRACKMANS WEEK DAY DUTY PASS V.R. [Victoria Railways] NO. 11 GANG SECOND CLASS, (NUMERALS)

B 44 Pc

Available Between Yering and Healesville 6.30 AM and 7 PM Saturdays 6 AM to 2 PM. [all letters incuse; reeded edge]

The trackman would report to his section foreman at Healesville in the morning, and would be given this metal token to travel on the section of track he would be walking on that day. This token would be good only on that section between the two stations named on it, and only on second class coaches. At the end of the day the token would be returned to the section foreman. Similar passes with the appropriate gangs and stations were used on all of the Victoria Railways lines.

= THE CORRECT LISTING OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR FERRY PASSES OF AUSTRALIA = By Les Hawthorne

In 1970 when I obtained a number of Sydney Habour Ferry quarterly tickets, or passes, I informed Ken Smith that the quarters began and ended thus: first quarter, January to March; 2nd quarter, April to June; 3rd quarter, July to September; 4th quarter, October to December. This arrangement continued up into 1969, when the obverse of the metal passes was changed to just "S.H.F." and the numbers 1 or 2 or 3 or 4, where the numbers represented the quarters.

Unfortunately, judging from the listings in the July and September issues of The Fare Box, Ken Smith misunderstood the information I had given him. These new obverse passes with S.H.F. and just a number on obverse were first used in the first quarter, January to March, 1969, and have ended in the first quarter, January to March, 1973.

Now, beginning with the quarter April to June, 1973, the Sydney Harbour Ferries have issued a new pass, or ticket, with just the numbers on them, with "2" for the second quarter (April-June); "3" for the third quarter (July-September); "4" for the 4th quarter (October-December), for 1973.

In order to get this situation straightened out, I wrote directly to Sydney Harbour Ferries for the right information, and received the following reply. (This ruling for listing quarterly tickets, or passes, would apply on all those issued by both ferries and railways.):

"Dear Sir: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th instant, requesting information about our quarterly tickets. The only quarterly tickets issued are as follows: 1st quarter - from 1st January to 31st March. 2nd quarter - from 1st April to 30th June. 3rd quarter - from 1st July to 30th September. 4th quarter - from 1st October to 31st December. Trusting that the above details are helpful to you..."

= BIG TOKEN JAMBOREE PLANNED FOR MARCH 22-24 IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA =

Duane Feisel is sponsoring the "Second Annual National Token, Medal, and Exonumia Collectors Jamboree" at the Le Baron Hotel in San Jose. This will be a repeat of the very successful show he sponsored last year, but judging from last year's success, this one probably will be the biggest get-together of token collectors of the year. For information about registration, you may write Duane directly at P.O. Box 1302, Los Altos, CA 94022. There will be no coins. Only tokens and medals, with lots of dealers and collectors and wheeling and dealing.

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REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277

-December 1973_

KENNETH E. SMITH.

328 AVENUE F

= DECEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE = By Ralph Freiberg

INDIANA

Patterns 998 (Reported by Ralph Hinde)

CHI. SO. BEND & NO. IND. RY. CO.

L B 23 Sd Good For One Fare R.R. Smith. Vice Pres.

KENTUCKY

Patterns 998 (Reported by David Schenkman to John Coffee)

BELLS LANE LINES

G Z 21 Sd Good For One Fare

OHIO

Defiance 240 (Reported by Tom Wall)

(OBVERSE SAME AS 240 B)

D o WM 22 Sd Scotts / Pharmacy / Cor. Clinton / and 3rd.

\$7.50

OKLAHOMA

Miscellaneous 1000 (Reported by Del Ford)

CITY CAB CO. / 363-2111 / BLACKWELL, OKLA.

A o B 26 Sd Good For / 10¢ / in Trade

[This token was used for advertising, beginning 1965 or 1966.]

PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh 765 (Reported by Ray Byrne to others)

WOODS RUN / & / MCKEES / ROCKS / FERRY CO.

AEo A 21 Sd (same as obverse)

[This ferry began operation on August 30, 1931.]

Thompsontown 905 (Reported by Ray Byrne)

THOMPSONTOWN / B. CO. / 24 [all letters incuse]

A o WM 22 Sd (blank)

2.00

2.00

TEXAS

El Paso 320 (Reported by Harold V. Ford)

EL PASO CITY LINES, INC. (BUS)

F o WM 23 Bar Good For One Fare (bus) (Rev. A)

[These tokens were struck about the same time as 320 E, but never placed in use. They were held in a company safe until about July, 1973, when

they were destroyed.]

UNIDENTIFIED (Reported by David Schenkman)

H. & L. / T.P. CO. [incuse letters]

142 B Oc Sd (blank) [28mm]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

This month we are listing a few tokens that have been kicking around for a while. We have no listing this month of tokens that will be mailed by the New Issues Service, as Mr. Nicolosi likes to avoid the Christmas mail rush in December. Our first listing was reported by Ralph Hinde, and we assume that this is a pattern. A solid white metal token, like this brass one, was also reported. But this would be simply an unpunched solid. I assume that patterns were submitted in both metals so the company could take their choice. These are Scoville tokens.

The Kentucky pattern is like Ky 510 AV, but it has no apostrophe, and it is also solid. We know nothing about it, but assume it was a pattern.

The Defiance, OH, token is like OH 240 B but has a different ad on the back. Now we wonder how many others will turn up with different ads on them.

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The City Cab token from Oklahoma is listed under Miscellaneous because they were admittedly just advertising gimmicks, although it is quite frankly possible that some other taxi tokens listed as regular issues also were simply advertising gimmicks. Mr. Ford investigated after getting one of these, and learned that 500 of these tokens were struck 7 or 8 years ago. It seems that a travelling salesman was going through Oklahoma, pushing key chains and various other advertising gimmicks, including tokens. He persuaded the owner of the City Cab in Blackwell to order 500 tokens. However, the cab owner reports that of the some 400 tokens he passed out over the years, only 3 of them were ever redeemed! Mr. Ford was able to purchase the balance, and probably will have an ad for them in this issue. Now I wonder how many other cab companies also ordered similar tokens.

I know nothing about the Pittsburgh ferry token, and list it because I have seen a photograph of it.

The Thompsontown Bridge crosses the Juniata River from Thompsontown to the old Lincoln Highway, and is located in Juniata County. Mr. Byrne reports he was told by an old gentleman that there probably also exist tokens with 2, 6, and 12, on them, as well as the 24 reported here.

We're also finally listing the mysterious El Paso token this month. Roland Atwood acquired Fla 530 G and this Tex 320 F over 20 years ago. Over the years we wrote a lot of letters to the Miami company, and the last reply we got stated the Transit Authority there destroyed the tokens. I have personally visited the El Paso company several times trying to get one of the Tex 320 F, with no success. The story always was that they were "locked up in the safe." In December 1971 I checked them personally, and was then told there was a possibility the tokens would be used on the Santa Fe Bridge [see bottom of page 132, Oct. 1973 Fare Box]. At one time they did expect to use the tokens on this bridge. But then the bridge became free, and they had no more use for the tokens and apparently have now destroyed them. Rather than put a price on such tokens, I am more inclined to use four asterisks (****). As far as we know, only one of each of these tokens ever got out. But we also know that in other cases where "all tokens were destroyed" they have later shown up in quantity, simply because they were sold for scrap, and the scrap dealer got more for them by selling them than by melting them down. So "destroyed" does not always mean "destroyed." Harold Ford has the only known specimen of each of these two tokens. If anyone else has them, I'd certainly like to hear from him (or her). And if you ever see either of these two tokens offered for sale, be careful, because it could well mean that a quantity has hit the market. Meanwhile, pleae change the "\$1.00" value on Fla 530 G to **** for your own protection and warning. It's much more realistic.

In the same category is a token from Raleigh, NC. The note in Atwood under NC! 660 B should have read that there is also a 23mm Brass token for White Transportation Co. I'd like to know how many of you own this brass token; I do know that more than one of them got out, possibly as many as ten. These tokens were later sent to the company office at Asheville, and I have heard rumors that they were destroyed, but have no proof of this.

I would now like to add a few notes on tokens listed in the past few months. I've heard that the Baton Rouge, LA, tokens got nicks on them going thru the counting machine. This could be a common situation in the use of brass tokens, which are of a softer composition than bronze or white metal, and we may see if happening frequently now. On the Cooper Landing, Alaska, ferry token listed in October. This token has a reeded edge, while the earlier token from there did not have a reeded edge. On the Massachusetts zone check listed in October: this one is round. The other two which we know were issued would be octagonal and square. This we know from the magazine article.

I have received additional information on the Ben Franklin Bridge token from Al Zaika. He says the toll on the Walt Whitman Bridge was raised in the spring of 1972, so when they came out with a new token it was also placed in use on the Walt Whitman Bridge as well as the Ben Franklin Bridge. Also when the Betsy Ross Bridge (formerly called the Denair Bridge) is equipped with automatic toll equipment, the tokens will also be used on that bridge.

Richard Moore of Hatfield, PA, reports that there was a definite die variety of the Detroit Tunnel token listed in June 1973 Fare Box. There will be times when the -Page 168- - December 1973-

New Issues Service will get a quantity of tokens and, when sending them out, not notice any die varieties until nearly all of them have been mailed out. So we don't know who got which die.

I have had some strange tokens reported to me recently, and will appreciate any light that anyone can shed on them. First, the following:

THE FRISCO CLUB LUCKY PIECE KEEP THIS UNTIL JANUARY 1915 MAY BE GOOD FOR ROUND TRIP TO EXPO.

A 31 Sd (incused numerals)

A 32 Sd

The Fair in San Francisco didn't open until later in 1915, so this may have been some kind of lottery. You could ride to the San Francisco Fair by streetcar in 1915 for 5¢, so would imagine it was for some place outside of San Francisco.

I also have some tokens reported for Itasca, Illinois, for Medinah Coach. We already have listed a couple of these things, but I'm not going to list any more of them until I get proof that they were transportation tokens. I understand there is one of these with a "1" on reverse, and one with "8" on reverse. Probably they come with at least nine or ten numbers on them, and I have my doubts about their being used for transportation. The Medinah Country Club is located in Itasca, and presumably the tokens have some connection with it.

There are a lot of gasoline tokens in use in various parts of the country, and perhaps in time an enterprising cataloguer will make a list of them. But they are definitely not transportation tokens. Typical is the following:

TRADEWINDS (in script) 5 GALLON GOLD PIECE
Upon Fresentation by Bearer This Token May be Exchanged For

5 Gallons of Aircraft Fuel at Tradewind Airport Amarillo Texas [gold anodized]

With gasoline rationing on the horizon, such things as this may become quite common. But please don't ask me to list them as transportation tokens. I've had people say that, well, they really are good for transportation because if they are good for gas in your car, they are good for making your car move; hence transportation! In the same vein we have tokens good for the rental of bowling shoes. After all, the token is good for the use of shoes, which permit you to walk onto the bowling alley; hence transportation! Also we have tokens good for the use of a swimming pool. Transportation? Of course! They permit you to swim from one end to the other. Anyone is free to consider anything he wants to as transportation. But the Atwood Catalogue has to draw the line somewhere, and that line has been drawn against such items as these.

Captain Dee D. Drell reports a 20mm white metal token with simply I.C.E. on both sides. It is the type of a transportation token. Who knows? "Inter City Express"? Or maybe just "Ice Cream Exchange." But, then, eating ice cream gives you energy. Energy makes it possible for you to walk. Therefore, a transportation token! Well...that's why we have to draw the line. Any ideas on I.C.E.?

Another mystery: Alan Weighell sends a report of a 21mm aluminum token with "4th AVE." on one side; the other side blank. No idea what it could be.

Just as I thought I was finished I received news from Ed Dence about the Ben Franklin Bridge. Effective January 1, 1974, tokens became obsolete! Instead of tokens they will issue decals at a cost of \$12 for 30 days, and each time you cross the bridge (if you have a decal) it will cost you a dime. But there will also be a CAR POOL special rate: books of 40 tickets will be sold for \$10, good for 2 months. But you must have at least 3 people in the car. They now have 3 million tokens on their hands, which it cost them \$124,000 to have made. A study has been undertaken to see if the tokens can be used for some other purpose.

Madison, WI, is seriously considering the use of trolley cars in the Capital Square and State Street areas of downtown. A \$2,000 scale model of the proposed system has been purchased by the Chamber of Commerce. And this is just the beginning of a return to the good old days, all over the country.

P.O. Box 804

W. Columbia, SC 29169

TRADE 7 DIFF. PARKING FOR 7 DIFF. PARKING, PLUS SAE.

Joe Studebaker

= ALL AUCTIONS IN THIS ISSUE CLOSE FEBRUARY 9 =

P.O. Box 1204

Boston, MA 02104

American Vecturist Assn.

Advertisements in THE FARE BOX are free to A.V.A. members--up to 6 lines in every issue if desired. (But only up to 3 lines if the ad consists mostly of catalogue numbers & letters!) If your ad runs over, it will be cut to the allowed number of lines unless you specify right on the sheet with the ad that you are willing to pay 85¢ per line for the extra lines. Simply send your ad on a postcard or separate sheet of paper, with name & address, to the Editor. Your ad must be different each time, and must be submitted each time (don't send several at one time!). Auctions must not include tokens listed under 25¢ in any catalogue, and must not include tokens which are now in use regardless of cat. value, and must not include personal tokens of living members, and must not include fantasy items or other types of fakes.

- BOB PHIPPS 1627 NORMA ROAD COLUMBUS, OHIO 43224 Age 44; Claims Adjuster. Collects all types. (Cunningham)
- 1431 RUSTY WILLIAMSON - 5 SOUTHWEST 49th STREET - LAWTON, OKLAHOMA 73501 Age 54; Sanitation Inspector. Collects U.S. (Joseph)
- 1432 CHARLES E. BENJAMIN - 12 KINGWOOD DRIVE - POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601 Age 41; Engineer. Collects U.S. (Coffee)
- E.F. STEMWEDEL 2204 LATHAM STREET ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61103 1433 Age 68; Transit Manager. Collects U.S. (Vacketta)
- 1434 ANDREW H. SPALDING - 2308 GLEN COURT - RICHMOND, INDIANA 47374 Age 68; Retired. Collects all types. (Rider)
- DAVID R. DORCHUCK 6840 EASTHAVEN WAY CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA 95610 Age 45; Salesman. Collects U.S. (Joseph)
- ROLF JOHNSEN Postbox 150 2011 Strømmen, Norway 1436 Age 39; Manager. Collects all types. (Ken Smith)
- 1437 LOU R. RACIOPPO - 52 STATE STREET - BADEN, PENNSYLVANIA 15005 Age 39; Plant Supt. Collects U.S., Parking. (Dence)
- D. FRANK ELAM BOX 174 HARVEY, ILLINOIS 60426 1438 Age 28; Social Worker. Collects U.S., and Parking (Coffee)
- 1439J BARRY M. MOORE BOX 156 HATFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA 19440 Age 14; Student. Collects U.S. (R.A. Moore)
- ARMIN KLIGGE THOMEES KAMP 17 586 ISERLOHN, WEST GERMANY Age 36; Employee. Collects U.S. & Foreign. (Coffee)
- 1441 ROBERT LONG - BOX 89 - JACKSON, CALIFORNIA 95642
- Age 34; Conservationist. Collects U.S. (Coffee)

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